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NATIONAL COLLAPSE IN MUKDEN SECTOR

Government Armies Facing Annihilation In Manchuria GENERAL EVACUATION ON

Shanghai, October 30.

Scattered reports from the North today strengthened indications that the Government's Mukden pocket is nearing collapse following heavy fighting in the Chihnsien corridor.

With large Red forces closing in on Mukden from the North, North East and East, a panicky general evacuation of the city by air and by the city's only land link with the coast is in full swing.

The remaining Government Manchurian army of 200,000 men is feared to be facing total collapse as it is now caught between two powerful Communist pincers blocking its line of retreat to Jehol province.

The Reds yesterday captured the Mukden airfield, taking six P-51's in the process. The city's South field, which has been used by both civil air lines and the Nationalist air force, is still in Nationalist hands.

The last CAT personnel in Mukden were flown out last night. Reports from the threatened city indicated it would be defended to the death but nothing could dispel the feeling among Government supporters that the city was doomed.

The swift, sudden descent of the Reds trapped many Chinese who normally would have gone. Pro-Red posters have been placed throughout the city, and the only traffic on the streets is military.

Four Armies Lost

Independent reports from Mukden say that 12 Government divisions—four armies—have been

virtually destroyed in a major battle West of the city. The Communists, menacing the Northern outskirts, had advanced from Changchun after seizing Tieling, 40 miles North of Mukden.

Independent reports from Mukden said the Reds had driven out the Nationalists from Hailin and Hsienlin, 60 and 40 miles respectively West of Mukden. The reports said the Government troops were retreating back to Mukden in trucks and on foot.

South West of Mukden, a strong Communist cavalry force was said to be only five miles from the city. The three commercial airlines—CAT, CNAC and CAC—while they have been supplying Mukden for months by airlifting operations, were said to have suspended their services.

The Chinese Red radio this morning did not make any claim regarding Mukden but devoted its broadcast to a rehashing of yesterday's claims of annihilation of 12 Kuomintang divisions west of Mukden.

The broadcast boasted of Communist victories at Chang-

chun and in West Liaoning, saying that the Government lost 200,000 men.

US To Leave Tsingtao?

It added that the 90th Nationalist Army, which surrendered at Changchun along with the Communist forces, was being incorporated into the Communist ranks and is now fighting against its former comrades.

In Washington, high-ranking Government officials were reported to be considering the evacuation of American naval forces from the Communist-threatened port of Tsingtao.

Authoritative defence sources said that Lieutenant General Albert Wedemeyer, top expert on China, is reviewing the plight of President Chiang Kai-shek's armies with naval officers. Associated Press United Press and Reuter.

Did You Put Your Clock Back Today?

Summer time in the Colony ended at 3.30 a.m. today. Hong Kong is now back to local standard time—eight hours ahead of GMT.

At 3.30 a.m. all clocks in the Colony should have been put back one hour.

HMS Cossack Aids In Rescue Work On Taiwan Coast

With 1,270 military passengers on board, the 5,000 ton ss. Ling Yung was driven ashore near Keelung early yesterday morning.

Shy Bachelor Millionaire Is Dead

Leeds, October 30.

The death is reported from Scotland at the age of 79 of Henry Oxley, known as the shy Leeds bachelor millionaire.

Twenty years ago, he inherited £2,767,850 from his father, James W. Oxley, retired banker. The estate duty was £1,107,260. The son continued to maintain the family mansion at Fleetwood, Leeds, as his nominal home but he rarely lived there.

In a speech at his extensive estate in Scotland, he used to entertain large parties.

US Army On Peace Or War Footing

Washington, October 30.

The United States Army will go on a "peace or war" footing on November 15 with top-level reorganization, Mr. Kenneth C. Royall announced today.

The changes, said Mr. Royall, will put the Army on a status about midway between the fighting organization of World War II and the peacetime set-up which had been in effect since mid-1946.

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CHIANG KAI-SHEK URGED TO RESIGN

Nanking, October 30.

President Chiang Kai-shek's continued presence in the Chinese Government was today blamed for the "amazing growth of bureaucratic capitalism in China and the unsatisfactory state of Chinese democracy".

These were said to be partly responsible for the prevailing chaotic conditions in the country.

The University Review, a weekly Chinese magazine published here, in its current issue urged that President Chiang should retire from political life and "seek rest in the United States until conditions here have improved".

The magazine, sponsored by Legislator Liu Pu-tung, who is usually noted for his radical views, said in an editorial article, entitled "Godspeed to President Chiang on his trip to America."

"In China, there is an old saying that 'a smart man is one who recognizes the trend of events around him'. This means that an intelligent leader will base his decision to move ahead or retreat on the circumstances prevailing. There were many examples in history of the resignation of Dr. Sun Yat-sen from the first Presidency of the Chinese Republic for the sake of unity between the South and North, and the steadfast refusal of George Washington to be elected to a third term presidency after he had successfully laid the foundation of American democracy."

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"And President Chiang, though himself knowing that they are detrimental to the people's welfare and the nation's interests, has longer has the strong man's courage to cut his own arm when it becomes infected."

TALKS ON PALESTINE SANCTIONS

London, October 30.

The sanctions issue on Palestine will be discussed between Mr. George Marshall (Secretary of State), the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin today.

There is, however, no question of "urgency" about the matter or of putting pressure on the British to delay discussion.

Mr. Marshall decided to fly over to London to avoid an Anglo-American split over Palestine and called on Mr. Bevin for the special favour of asking him to back the American proposal postponing discussions on Palestine until the end of January.

"The fact is that Mr. Marshall planned his visit to London long before the new Palestine development," it was stated in an American quarter.

"Now that he is here he will evidently take advantage of the occasion when he meets the Prime Minister and Mr. Bevin to talk about the matter."

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Castor Oil Wasn't Within The Act

London, October 30.

Oliver Edward Christopher Lovelace of Blackheath can make his own petrol. He has been using it in his motor car which has no petrol allocation. And it led to complications.

The police summoned him for alleged illegal use of motor fuel. Lovelace explained to the Greenwich magistrate that he was using a type of motor spirit which did not come within the scope of the act.

The fuel he used was methanol mixed with castor oil. The police solicitor agreed that this was not motor fuel within the meaning of the Act. The case was dismissed.—Reuter.

Shanghai Crisis Getting Worse

Shanghai, October 30.

Appeals for immediate remedial action were made by influential Chinese organisations here today as the worst food crisis in the city's history showed no signs of easing.

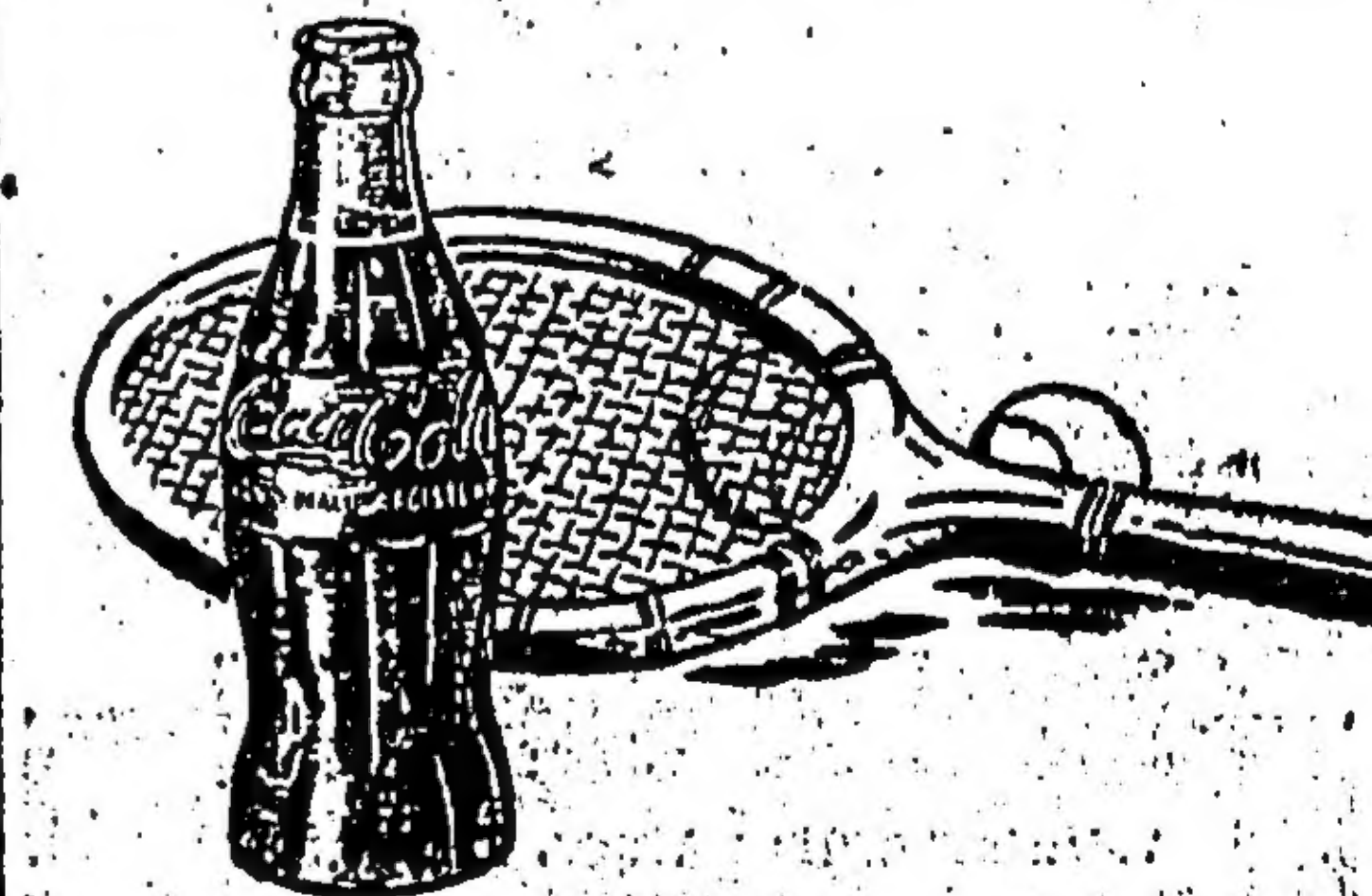
At the same time, the Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Central Government to devise concrete measures to retrieve the rapidly deteriorating industrial and commercial situation.

A delegation will leave for Nanking tonight to request the Government to fix a realistic scale of revised prices for factory products and to solve the acute shortage of raw materials.

The danger threatening local industry and commerce is daily becoming more grave in the wake of the buying rush, which denuded commercial establishments of manufactured goods, and the stagnation of manufacturing enterprises, caused by the general lack of raw materials, according to business circles here.

From Tientsin, Reuter reported today that "Telecommunications employees" interviewed Chinese organisations this morning, following their "go slow" strike, started yesterday evening, seeking relief grants of flour and coal.

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Big Defections Reported

Nanking, October 30.

Defeat and defection are twin spectres tormenting Nationalist China, as Manchurian reports reflect something dangerously near wholesale collapse.

Of the two, defection carries the greatest menace to Chiang Kai-shek's tottering regime. Nationalist China can still fight back and could hold out for a long time yet. But if armies are going over to the enemy without a fight, as has been ominously hinted from many quarters, that game very well could be up all the way from Mukden to the Yangtze, and even farther South.

Defection of Government troops, demoralised by limited supplies, low pay and too much sitting around isolated garrisons, has taken place for more than a year. But the full of Tientsin to Shanghai produced the first definite proof of big-scale defection. The Government admitted that a division commander and most of his men went over to the Reds there and

To Stop Where?

Now Red claims of destruction of 12 divisions near Tachuan, South West of Mukden, have been followed by waves of rumours that troops deserted to the enemy and were not defeated in a fight. There is no way yet of evaluating these reports but subsequent events do not seem to contradict them.

If defection on such a scale is a fact, the most careful analysis of the civil war's future course will go out of the window. If Chiang's armies are beginning to give up on such a scale, where will it stop?

The question arises. How much loyalty in remaining armies? Can any defence hold, even including the Yangtze and the defences of Nanking, Shanghai and the rich lands to the South? Military defection is a virus that spreads and is not easy to check.

If defection spreads, the question of how long before China falls to the Communists rears its head.

STOP PRESS

Nanking, October 30.

Apparently reliable sources said tonight that Mukden had fallen to the Communists. Last direct reports from the North indicated that Red troops were on the outskirts of the city and had infiltrated inside in some places.

It was reported that the Communists had broken into the city and that the whereabouts of General Wei Li-huang, the garrison commander, was "unknown." Associated Press.

more on the logistics of the Red armies than anything else. Most observers think the defection probably was even greater.

Picture Too Black?

Even if they did not have to fight on the Yangtze, it would still take time to get there, and take cover. Even now, the light in an undefended Faping and Tientsin could not be made overnight.

Also there is the traditional reluctance of the Reds to take over cities because of lack of administration personnel and desire to avoid the swarms of difficult job of running Chinese cities most of which are jammed with refugees beset by the world's worst economic and food situations.

If they hope to win, they must eventually come to grips with this problem but in the past they have moved slowly and reluctantly toward it.

Some observers think this picture is too black and expect Chiang to pull his forces together again and continue the fight in the ever-growing hope of more support from abroad.

It might be pointed out that every severe Nationalist reverse has been followed by a long period of little war activity. Perhaps the somewhat over-optimistic Red may soon have to call another truce.—Associated Press.

Railway Ships Have Radar

Portsmouth, October 30.

Two new British railway ships equipped with radar, the "South Sea" and "Drading", which replace vessels lost in the war, are to operate between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. They can carry 1,400 passengers and have a speed of 14 knots.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 6.00 GMT (5 p.m. HKST). A strong anticyclone continues to dominate China, Japan and the neighbouring seas. A depression between 300 and 400 miles S of Tokyo is moving Southwards and will probably recurve SE. From East a trough extends South Westwards to the S of the Philippines. Gradient remains over the sea bordering China.

Today's Forecast—Fairly strong NE wind, strong in gusts and also rain during the afternoon. Fine, cool at night.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 75.4 deg. Fahr. Minimum 63.2 deg. Fahr. Rainfall 10.8 hours. Barometer 30.05 mm. Sea level at average of 2008.5 mm. Wind at 10 knots. Direction 101 to 101.5 m.p.h. at 10 knots.

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Police Force Parade Before The Governor

The annual parade of 700 members of the Hong Kong Police Force and the Police Reserves at Happy Valley yesterday was watched by a large number of spectators.

H.E. the Governor, accompanied Captain A. P. F. Wilson, Aide-de-Camp, was met by Mr. R. S. Haigh-Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hon. Aid-de-Camp (Staff Officer II).

After taking the salute, the Governor carried out the inspection, accompanied by the Commissioner of Police, Hon. D. W. Macdonald, Mr. R. S. Haigh-Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Mr. H. O. T'so, Adjutant Police Reserves.

Following the inspection, the Governor presented a medal for gallantry to Detective Constable 134 Chan Tze-choi, who had been awarded a medal for gallantry in the crowded area of the parade, and who had been awarded a medal for gallantry in the crowded area of the parade, and who had been awarded a medal for gallantry in the crowded area of the parade.

A medal for gallantry was also awarded to Corporal 1281 Yu Wai-hung, who had been awarded a medal for gallantry in the crowded area of the parade, and who had been awarded a medal for gallantry in the crowded area of the parade, and who had been awarded a medal for gallantry in the crowded area of the parade.

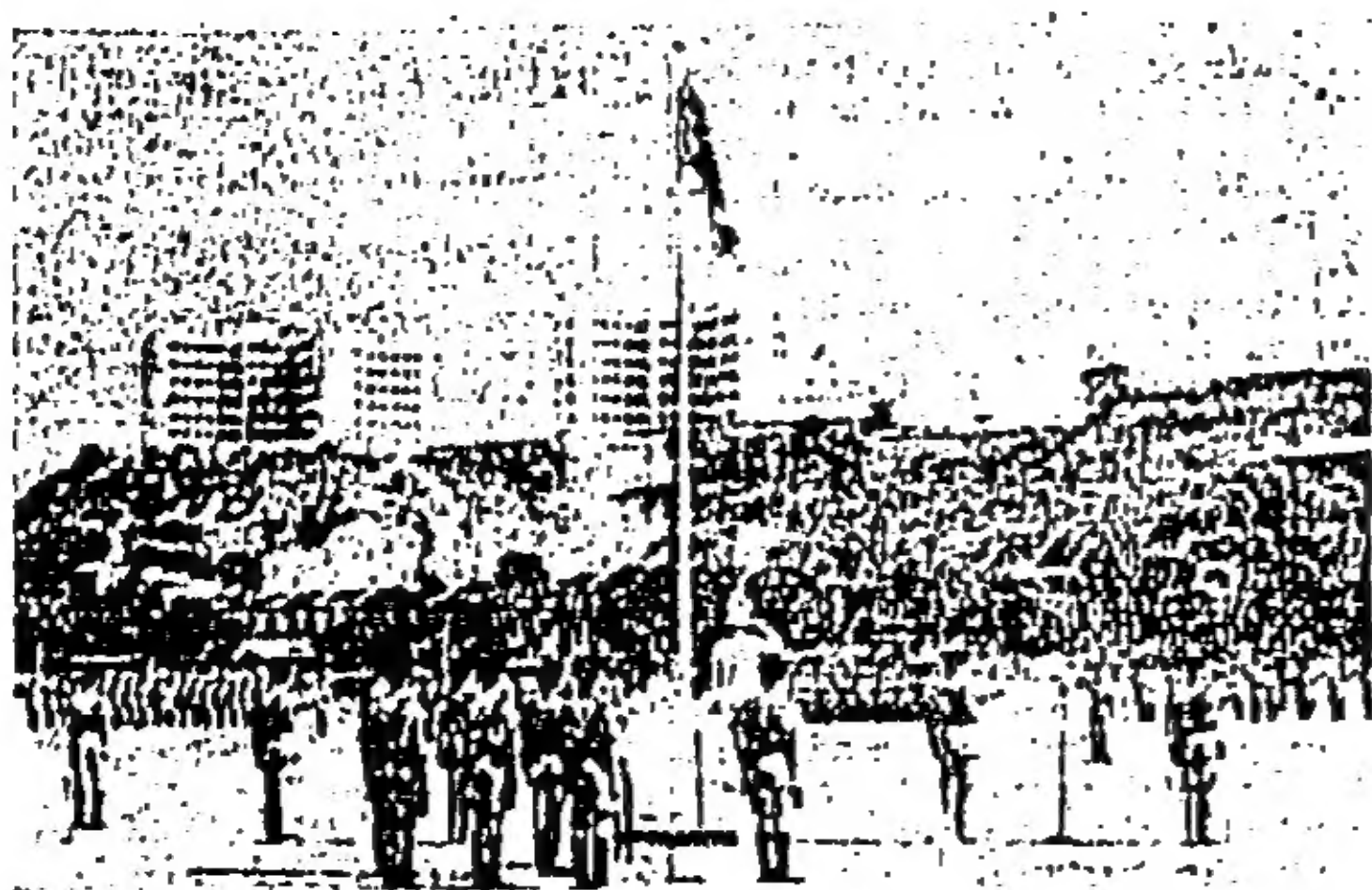
The medal party was presided under Mr. L. A. Sturge, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Staff Officer I).

After the presentation of medals, His Excellency the Governor addressed the parade in the following terms:

Smart On Duty

I congratulate you on the smartness of the turnout and the manner in which you have performed the various duties of the parade. This is a very smart and a very good thing. I am glad to say that you are smart on a parade like this, but also when you are performing your ordinary day-to-day duties. I make it my business to take particular note of every policeman I see who is smart. I am glad to say that you are smart on a parade like this, but also when you are performing your ordinary day-to-day duties. I make it my business to take particular note of every policeman I see who is smart.

Last year, when I spoke to you, I said that I was well satisfied but that I could do further improvement. You have not disappointed me, for you have improved.



A.E. the Governor taking the salute at the Annual Police Parade yesterday. ("Sunday Herald" Photo).

Gold Coming Back To Colony For Sale

Gold traffic between Hong Kong and China has been reversed with gold steadily flowing back to the Colony since the introduction of China's new currency of Gold Yuan on August 23.

In Hong Kong, safe from confiscation, the gold is being sold and the proceeds invested in platinum, diamonds, and shares, by the many Chinese nationals who have no confidence in the Gold Yuan currency.

Bullion and share brokers told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday that the past month has seen an exceptional increase in investments in local shares and purchases of platinum and diamonds.

They said that the introduction of the new currency in China has accelerated the flight of capital from various parts of China.

Gold has been pouring into Hong Kong from China during the past month and has been converted into platinum and diamonds and invested in shares.

The volume of gold from China to Hong Kong is expected to increase considerably shortly, the "Sunday Herald" was told, because of the lack of confidence of the people in the new currency and because of the military reverses of the Chinese National Government.

Transactions in platinum (999 or 999.9) were done at HK\$572 a tael yesterday. Platinum of Japanese origin was sold at HK\$540 a tael.

Money Market

Gold, was higher yesterday, opening at HK\$507 a tael and closing at \$507.62½. Fluctuations ranged from \$506.50 to \$508.12½. U.S. dollars continued steady at HK\$5.25½.

Plastres opened at HK\$9.02½ and closed at \$10.20 a 100.

Tilons were unchanged at HK\$25.70 a 100.

NEI Guilders made a further recovery to HK\$34 a 100.

Storing was higher at HK\$13.98.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.52.

Gold Yuan was a continuous climb the previous days, dropped back to 22½ cents yesterday, as against 50 cents on Friday.

PAA FARES IN HK CURRENCY

Pan-American World Airways' policy of collecting Hong Kong currency at the official rate of exchange for all trans-Pacific flights will be resumed tomorrow. Passengers will again be permitted to make payment at the official rate of exchange for passage through to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sydney and Auckland.

ing Officer, Lt. Col. F. W. D. Parry and Officers.

Leading the march past was Mr. K. A. Blundell, followed by Yumail (Mr. E. C. Luscombe), Sherahupo (Mr. G. A. R. Wright-Neeth), Kowloon City (Mr. G. L. L. L.), New Territories (Mr. N. B. Fraser), Marine Police (Mr. R. F. V. Turner), Police Training School (Mr. J. T. MacKenzie).

The Emergency unit which included the Kowloon Riot Unit, Guard of Honour and Hong Kong Riot Unit were under the command of Chief Inspector J. A. McCahay, Chief Inspector D. Clarke, Sub-Inspector Saunders and Chief Inspector G. A. Caruthers respectively.

Mr. W. P. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Police was in charge of the Hong Kong Command followed by Central (Mr. E. Tyrer), Eastern (Mr. E. Tyrer), Western (Mr. N. G. Ralph). The Traffic Division was under the command of Inspector J. Hunter.

The Hong Kong Police Reserves composed of two companies was under the command of Mr. T. O. T'so. The "Red" company was under Mr. S. W. Lee and the second company under Mr. Lau Shiu-chuen.

Mr. C. D. Binstead was in command of the Units of the Regular Mobile Force.

HK Police On Parade

MAGISTRATE COMMENDS CHINESE DETECTIVES FOR FOILING ROBBERY

"I commend you on your conduct in this case. You have been very observant. I am putting this commendation on the records of this case and shall have it brought to the attention of the Commissioner of Police."

The commendation was made by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday after he had passed sentence on two unemployed Chinese whose attempt to commit an armed robbery was foiled by Detective-Sergeant Li Chai-shing and Detective Tai Kwan and Lau Shui on the night of October 18.

Defendants, Tsang Leung-mui, aged 21, and Tsang Hui-tai, aged 22, who admitted the charges of possession of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition, and conspiring to commit an armed robbery, at Apiti Street, were sentenced to a total of two years' hard labour each.

Detective-Inspector C. Dowman said that at 10.40 p.m. on October 18, Det.-Sgt. Li and Dets. Tai and Lau were on patrol duty at Nan Chang Street when they saw the two accused walking in their direction. The first defendant was pulling at his jacket, and this aroused the suspicions of Det.-Sgt. Li.

When the two men saw the police they turned into Kilim Street. On the instructions of Det.-Sgt. Li, Tai Kwan hurried after the two men, got in front of them, and told them to put their hands up for a search.

Det.-Sgt. Li got hold of the first accused, and Det. Lau the second. On being searched, a hard object was felt under the first accused's jacket. This proved to be a Smith and Wesson five-chambered revolver which had been changed into a two-chambered single-shot gun, tucked inside the girdle.

Stupid Fellow

Told by Det.-Sgt. Li that he was going to be arrested for possession of a gun, the first accused said, "We have come to Hong Kong from the country. We have no money. He is going out to look for a stupid fellow to get some money so that we could go back to the country."

When searched at the police station, two bullets were found in the pocket of second accused's under shorts, said Det.-Inspector Dowman.

Accused told the police that they were given the gun by Kowloon and that they have arranged to meet him outside the Mong Kok Theatre to share the proceeds of any robbery they might commit.

Both men stated that they came to Hong Kong only a few days before their arrest. This was borne out by the occupants of 607 Reclamation Street who said that the men went there to try and get accommodation.

"There is no doubt that the accused were out to commit an armed robbery. I must ask for a very serious view of the case to be taken," said Det.-Inspector Dowman.

MR. U TAT CHEE HELPS BRITAIN

The Hong Kong Preserved Ginger Distributors, Limited, have donated 10,000 bottles of preserved ginger to the Food Parcels to Britain Fund.

The donation was made by Mr. U. Tat Chee, Managing Director of the "preserved" ginger syndicate. It was the second donation of its kind by the syndicate.

Last year the syndicate donated 10,000 tins of preserved ginger to the same fund. The gift was greatly appreciated in Britain, said an official statement by the Ladies' Committee of the Fund yesterday.

The Committee has received thousands of letters of gratitude from Britain. In these letters the ginger was especially mentioned, added the statement.

HK TRAWLERS OFF AGAIN

Southern Glory, and Southern Capital, two locally-registered motor fishing trawlers, returned at Friday and left yesterday for further experimental trips South of Hong Kong.

The two trawlers brought back a 112-petal catch on Friday. Were it not for the bad weather encountered, the catch would have been much heavier, said the crew.

The two craft belong to the Southern Fishing Industries (Hong Kong) Limited.

SH CARTOONIST HONOURED

It is announced from London that Mr. S. O. (Stan) Hill of Hong Kong has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. Mr. Hill, who is head of the Town Planning Office of the P.W.D., has been the "Sunday Herald" cartoonist for many years.

TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (Toe H), 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.45 p.m. today.

The programme will include Overture "Semiramis"—Rossini; Concerto in E minor for violin—Mendelssohn; Suite de Ballet—Handel; Symphony in G major—Mozart.

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Nine River Ships
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Nine specially-built vessels for China's rivers, are due to pass through Hong Kong on November 17 on a 12,000-mile voyage from Canada to Shanghai.

One of the vessels will remain in Hong Kong for a few days, after which she will sail for Canton to operate on South China rivers.

Built by the St. Lawrence Metal and Marine Works and Geo. T. Davey and Son in Quebec City, the fleet of nine aluminum super-structure vessels will be operated by the Ming Sang Industrial Company of Shanghai.

The company is the second largest shipping concern in China.

The eight vessels, which will continue their voyage to Shanghai after touching at Hong Kong, will be operated on the Yangtze River along which for centuries small craft have been the only boats carrying commerce.

Because of currents up to 14 knots, the small craft are dragged with towlines by tugboats. The largest of the nine vessels, is 283 feet in length, to keep the draught of the ships as shallow as eight feet, weights were calculated in ounces during the construction at Quebec.

To enable the craft to sail upstream against the Yangtze Gorges, electrically-operated towing winches have been installed.

The vessels are being brought to China by Canadian crews.

Their voyage to China took them across the Atlantic through the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal. They are now in the Indian Ocean and are expected here on November 17.

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No Happy Xmas

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be "out of the red" this Xmas as
they expected. After three
months of deliberation held in
camera, the Hotel Rates Advisory
Committee finds that owing to
hotels not having submitted their
accounts as requested, it is not
yet able to arrive at a recommen-
dation. So the promised date of
relief, November 1, becomes yet
another postponement and dis-
appointment.

One would have thought that
with three months in which to
collect and collate its data even a
Government appointed committee
might have achieved some cre-
ditable result—but the net
tangible product appears to have
been zero. Not even an
interim report is deigned to
the long-suffering "guests"
who had been led to expect so
much!

When one considers that the
New Hotel Rates as originally
promulgated have been in force
for many months of work,
with plenty of official data to
work things out from, and that
the mere existence of the Com-
mittee is entirely due to an
organised protest by Hotel in-

terests, one is inclined to feel
that their failure to supply nec-
essary information should have re-
sulted in a prompt re-application
of the New Rates, the case hav-
ing been lost by default.

At least, the New Rates might
have been re-applied until such
time as the hotels did submit
their accounts, and the Committee
was thus able to reach a final
recommendation. It is manifestly
unfair that one party to an
action or process should be
penalised by the dilatoriness and
negligence of the other party—
and particularly so when that
other party is appealing against a
decision already made in
favour of its opponent by an im-
partial official specifically appoint-
ed for the purpose!

It is indeed remarkable that
the point upon which the hotel
managements were most vocifer-
ous in their complaint against the
Competent Authority—i.e. the
fact that they wished their
accounts examined—should be
the one upon which they have
shown themselves reluctant to
come forward when asked by the
investigating committee, which
was after all especially constitu-
ted to protect them from possible
injustice.

This curious withholding of
information on the part of the
Hotels would indicate that there
are more interested in stalling for
time than in assisting the Com-
mittee in its task.

Continued refusal to present
accounts which were called for
originally by August 20, may com-
pel Government to realise that
in this particular instance it is
quite possible that a move to
have the hotels' accounts exam-
ined in circumstances less favour-
able to these establishments—
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re-application of the New Rates
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finitely claim the case which they
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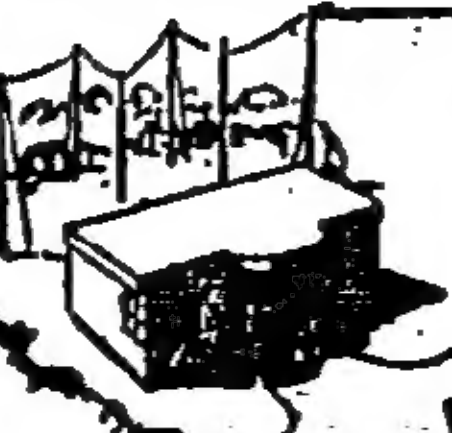
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HERE IS BRITAIN'S CRIME SHEET

Does crime pay? All law-abiding citizens hope not, but they will certainly have their doubts if they study the Criminal Statistics for last year, published today by the Home Office.

These show that of all the more serious offences reported in the British Isles, fewer than half resulted in the arrest of any offender. Burglars and thieves have a three to one chance of escaping detection.

The disturbing figures appear in a table listing the number of "undetectable" crimes known to the police during the year and those described as "cleared up" during the same period. The grand totals are respectively 400,580 and 205,090.

It can be taken that some were "cleared up" later, but even if one adds 10,255 to cover those that figure as the number of "solutions" carried over from the crimes of 1946-47, still appear that 231,329 offenders "got away with it" last year.

How Thieves Fared

Burglars and thieves were luckier than the average law-breaker. Under the combined headings of car-theft, burglary, housebreaking, and shoplifting, "crimes known" are listed at 90,598, and the "cleared" at 26,702. For larceny of all kinds the respective totals are 329,862 and 118,740.

Probed were the luckiest of all, for 3,235 out of 4,244 escaped arrest. The unlucky were housebreakers and car-thefters. Fewer than 300 out of 12,535 such thieves went unpunished.

For crimes of violence against the person the results obtained by the police were certainly much better. Of 14,407 cases of this kind 11,268 were cleared up.

But there remained 11 cases of murder, out of 117 known during 1947, in which no arrest was made. And of 5,552 indecent assaults on women arrests were made in only 3,212 cases.

Total value of property stolen is not given, but in 96,111 cases it was between £10 and £100, and in 15,535 cases over £100.

A BISHOP'S PROTEST

London, October 28. The Anglican Bishop of Chester, Dr. G. K. W. Bell, sent a letter to the President of Hungary, Lajos Dinnyes, protesting in the name of the World Council of Churches against the "most" last month of the Lutheran Bishop of Budapest, Dr. Lajos Orsai.

Bishop Orsai was sentenced to two years' imprisonment early this month for alleged "dealings in foreign currency."

In a letter to the Lutheran World Federation, dated September 17, President Dinnyes stated that the arrest had nothing to do with the Bishop's ecclesiastical activities.—Reuter.

More than 30,000 pedal cycles out of nearly 9,000 stolen were never recovered. Motor-car owners were a little luckier; they got back 2,627 out of 3,874.

Suspects Immune

Sir Alexander Maxwell, formerly Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, says in the accompanying report, says that many crimes are not cleared up because suspected people cannot, for this or for that, be prosecuted.

Others will wonder if the enforced prosecution of the police with minor offences is one

By

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of the chief causes of their failure.

The statistics certainly give some support to that view. No fewer than 244,010 people were found guilty of traffic offences during the year—more than half of all cases brought to the courts by police.

The grand total of people found guilty of minor or major offences of all kinds during the year is 631,193, or about one in 75 of the total population—men, women, and children. But since only about one in every 450 is proved to be a real criminal that picture is not so black as it looks at first glance.

The minor offenders included 23,702 of drunkenness, which, for some elusive reason, is rapidly increasing for the first time since before the war. The total is 4,428 more than in 1946, but still less than half the 1933 figure of 62,661.

Juvenile Smoker

At the bottom end of the scale, making the many pages of statistical tables, appears the entry of one young girl who was fined for "juvenile smoking."

What, according to these records, is the trend of crime since the war?

First, certainly, the large proportionate increase in the number of women criminals, both girls and adults. The total of these found guilty increased from 9,784 in 1938 to 15,658 in 1947. One in every eight criminals was a woman before the war; now it is one in every six.

From a social point of view by far the most serious factor emerging is the big increase of crime generally, and more particularly among the adolescent section of the population—boys and girls between the ages of 17 and 21.

The number of criminals of all ages in the country is nearly 50 per cent higher than before the war, the figure for those found guilty of indictable offences having risen from 78,483 in 1938 to 115,672 last year. This total takes into account of those responsible for the unsolved crimes.

Among the "adolescents" the rise on the crime-graph is much steeper. The total of those found guilty doubled—from 2,493 in 1938 to 5,455 last year. Brighter side of this is that the number of both the "adolescent" and the more "juvenile delinquents" has been showing a slight tendency to fall since 1946.

Old Temptation

What are the crimes that bring these youngsters to court? It is the old temptation of getting something for nothing, the result of poverty or lowered morals. Theft, burglary, housebreaking—all offences against property—these are the peaks among the statistics.

Of 70,154 people found guilty of larceny last year 20 per cent were boys and girls under 17 and 12 per cent adolescents. For "breaking and entering" the respective figures are as great as 52 and 10 per cent.

The combined figures show that more than half of all the crimes against property last year were committed by people not of adult age.

Another black sign of the times is that 250 per cent more people were found guilty of "receiving" compared with pre-war—4,240 convictions in all—the biggest proportionate increase among all crimes. By its side may be put the total of 10,033 people convicted under Defence Regulations, mainly for Black Market operations.

How are the judges and the magistrates reacting to the crime wave? Parliament is favouring leniency, the improving of prison conditions, modifying capital punishment, abolishing the "cat." But among the judiciary there are other views as to the value of punishment.

Less Probation

The great change among them—it stands out in page after page of this report—is the decreasing use of "probation" methods for offenders and the far greater imposition of prison sentences, especially in the case of adolescent criminals, though the trend is common to all cases.

For every two youths put by the judges under the care of probation officers in 1938 only one was so treated last year.

Does this indicate a general distrust, a wider breakdown in the probationary system? From those responsible for it I have been able to obtain only one suggestion—that magistrates and judges may be disinclined to put on probation lads who are shortly due for military service.

But that does not explain the decrease in application of the system to older men and to women of all ages. Here is a matter deserving consideration by all concerned with the prevalence of crime revealed in these statistics.

IT'S THESE POLICE THE REDS HAVE TO WATCH

THERE is an apocryphal story circulating in Berlin and Eastern Germany about the American worker who was paying a visit to a Russian factory.

"Who does this place belong to?" he asked his guide. "It belongs to the workers," he was told. "And who do these ears outside belong to?" "Oh, they belong to the bosses."

The guide paid a return visit to the United States and was shown round a factory there. "And who does this place belong to?" he asked. "Oh, this belongs to the bosses," was the reply. "And all these ears outside?" "Oh, they belong to the workers."

A Fifth Column Instead

All Russian attempts to convince the Germans in their zone that the first state of affairs is preferable have foundered in such utter disaster that in order to maintain control over Eastern Germany at all they are being obliged to build up a new Prussian Guard which could turn out to be a Fifth Column in their own midst.

Reports in the German Press in the past few days that General Walter von Seydlitz, second in command of Field Marshal von Paulus's "Free German National Committee," has recently paid a visit to Berlin have yet to be conclusively proved.

What is certain is that three of his lieutenants—Major-General Martin von Lottmann, Arno von Lenski, and Vincent Müller, the latter lieutenant of the anti-Communist underground school which the Russians maintain at Krosno Gorsk—have been in Germany to study the reorganization of the Eastern zone police.

Disorganisation in the police ranks, due to the defection of police officers who refused to join Communist, the incapacity of Communist appointees to hold administrative posts, and the wholesale purges which are affecting every walk of life in the Eastern zone, has reached such a point that an urgent call for reinforcements has gone out.

Forced Recruits

With police strength something under 50,000 for the population of more than 15,000,000, the force is to be regrouped and strengthened as "Kasernierte Polizei"—literally Police Garrisoned—thus eliminating "dangerous" contact with the population at the lower levels, and the numbers are to be made up by forced recruitment of prisoners-of-war held in Russia.

Such is the haste of the Russians to bring matters under control in their zones, stamp out the wave of opposition and counter-propaganda, and oust all "unreliable" elements from the administration, that a large proportion of the P.O.W.s who arrive back in the dispersal camp at Eberswalde, to have police

uniforms thrust in their hands, have not even been through the Communist indoctrination schools back in Russia.

Ready To Revoke

Numbers of them have reported to the British and American authorities and told how they were picked out for their physique alone and agreed to almost any conditions in order to get back to their homeland.

Moreover, although the Russians seem confident of maintaining discipline by the introduction

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reports from Berlin the latest Russian move to maintain an iron grip on the Eastern Zone of Germany.

of political commissars and spies at all levels, all but a few families among these "recruits" are taking up service with tongues well in their cheek fully intending to round on the hated Russians at the first opportunity.

There is speculation in Berlin, even in Socialist Unity Party circles, to the effect that the Russians intend to build up their police army to 100,000 men and more as a prelude to a suggestion to the Western Allies that all the occupation forces leave Germany.

But that day is far off. The S.E.D.—the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, designed by the Germans as neither Socialist, nor united, nor German, and variously referred to as "Sicheres Ende Deutschlands (The Certain Downfall of Germany)" and "Stalin's Ergebene Diener" (Stalin's Faithful Servants)—is completely bankrupt.

Time On Our Side

As an executive of Russian policy, they must now be buttressed by Draconian methods of sheer brute force and oppression for the Russians to make their zone too the line and keep up the flow of reparations out of German production in the face of a steadily sinking standard of living.

The Russians are in a bad state in Germany, and it is the air-lift to Berlin which is keeping them there. The Berliners, with their winter rations assured, will hold out as long as the air-lift holds out, and Eastern German resistance will, in turn, increase as long as Berlin holds out.

And east of the Oder and south of the Erzgebirge, the mutterings in Russia's satellite States will swell in volume as long as they see the Soviets held in Germany.

By the West, as the week-end elections in the Ruhr showed conclusively, Communist influence has slipped disastrously.

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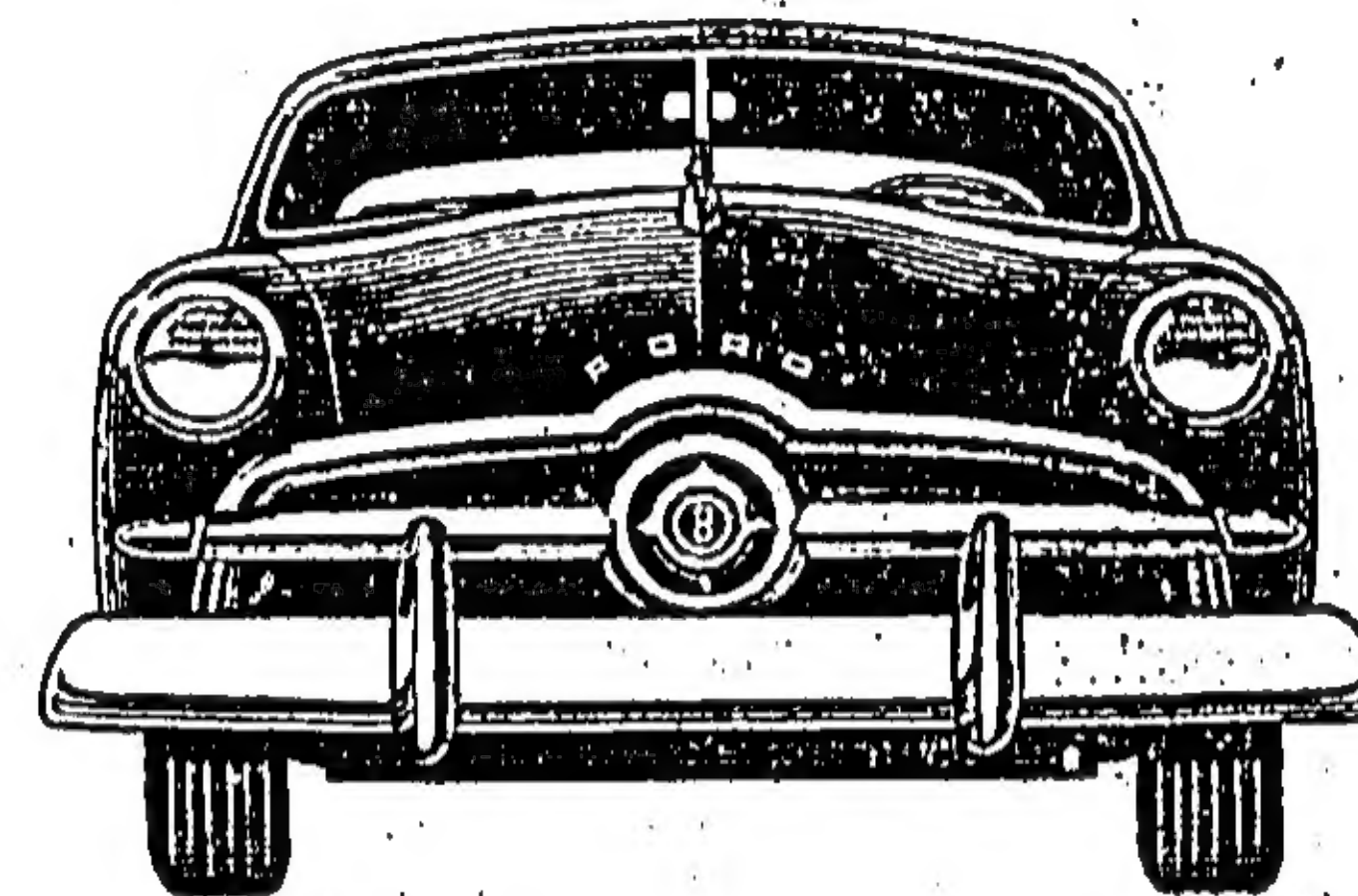
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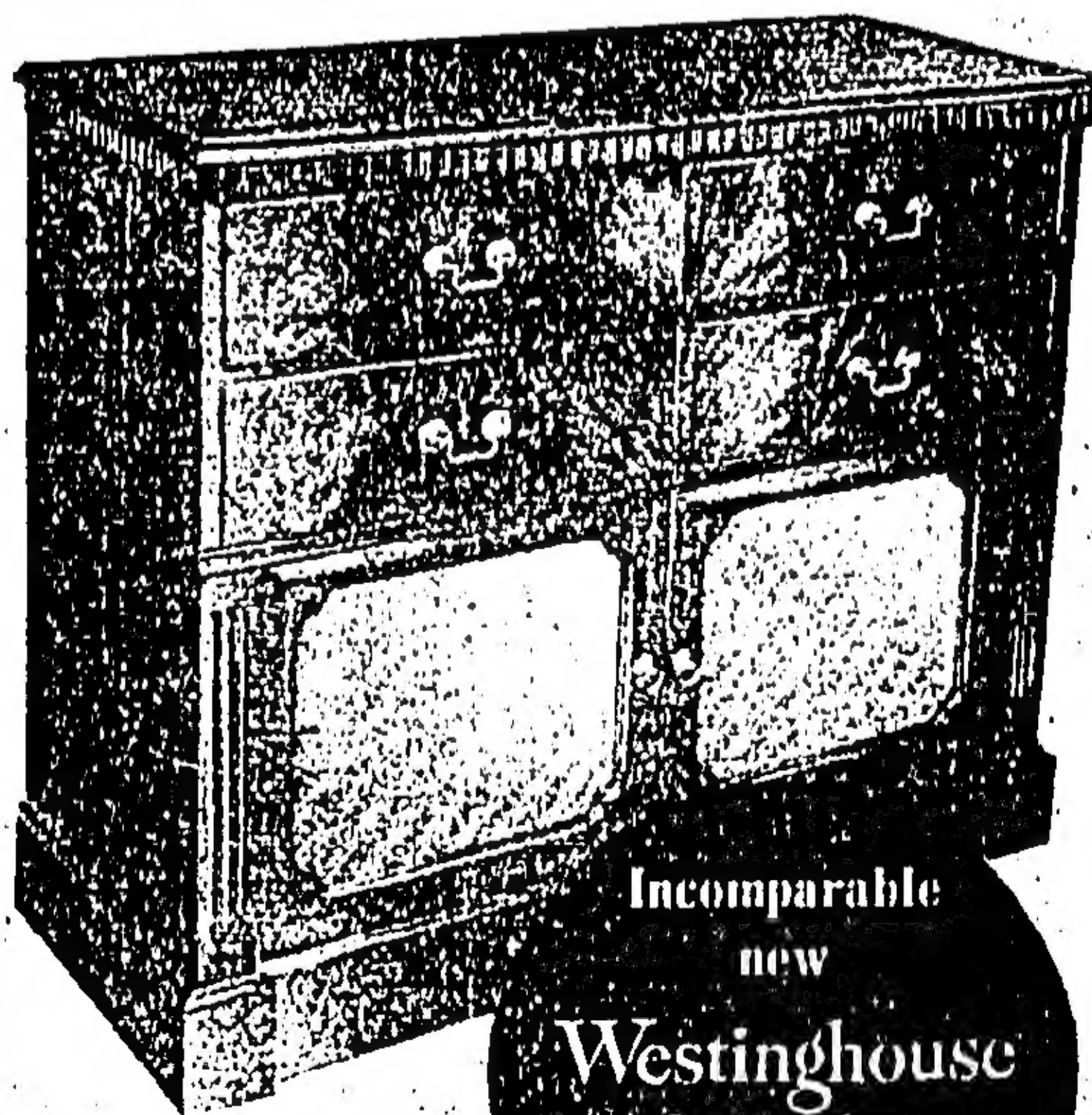
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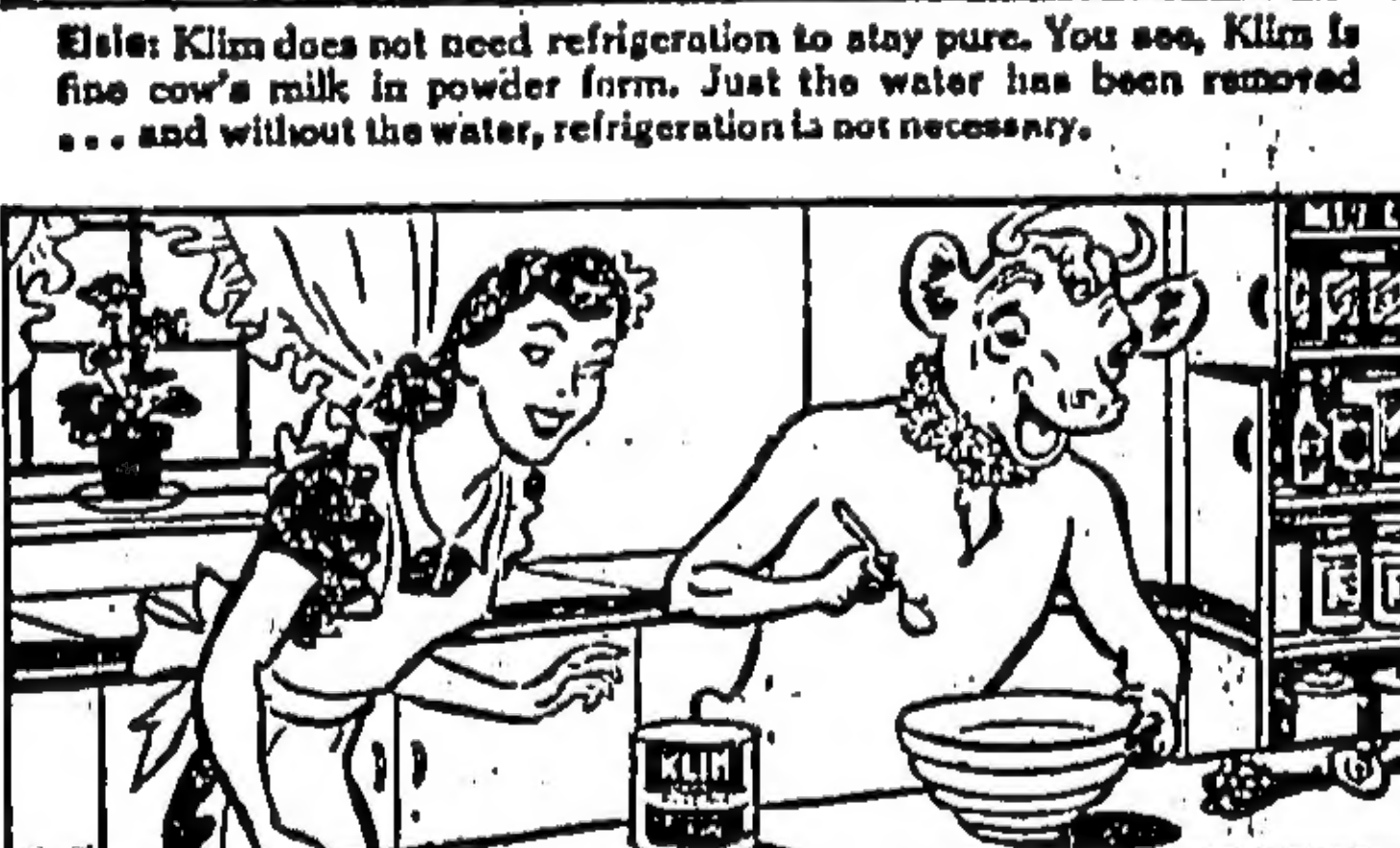
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Communists Said To Be Behind Burma Strife

London, October 29.

U Kyaw Nyaing, the Burmese Foreign Minister, today accused the Communists of attempting to disrupt the Constitution and seize power by force of arms.

"The present struggle in Burma is nothing but an attempt by a minority to destroy the Constitution and wrest power by undemocratic means, and the Government are firmly determined to put down all such attempts and uphold the will of the people as embodied in the Constitution," the Foreign Minister said.

MALAY POLICE AMBUSHED

Singapore, October 29.
The insurgents in Malaya have killed seven policemen and six civilians and wounded other policemen in the past 24 hours, their own casualties being three dead and one wounded.

Behind yesterday's ambush in Central Perak when seven non-European policemen were killed and five wounded lies the tale of police courage and determination not to surrender to a great force of bandits.

An Indian woman special constable was also wounded. Having received seven bullet wounds she is now in a critical condition. The police squad was ambushed outside "Piping" 200 miles North of Kuala Lumpur.

The first bullet of the bandits' fire hit the feeder pipe of the petrol tank of the squad's car, crippling it.

A Malay police inspector, who dashed out for cover dashed back into the van when the ammunition was finished and tried to force the vehicle rolling downhill but was shot dead. The constable who took his place was also killed. After the battle the insurgents took away seven guns.

Troops of the Malay Regiment were today sweeping the area. In the past 36 hours beatings and raids on the recently discovered bandit camp at South Palang, Lompong and "rocketing" raids in cleared areas of the thick jungle. — Reuter.

TRAIN SMASH KILLS FORTY

Ankara, October 29.
Official reports today said 40 persons were killed and more than 100 injured when a special train, en route to Ankara for the Independence Day ceremonies, jumped its tracks near Irmak.

There were about 2,000 persons on the train. Thirty-two were killed outright and eight died on the way to the hospital.

Latest reports said some persons were still pinned under the wreckage. Ankara physicians, who were celebrating the holiday, were recalled for emergency duty. — United Press.

Election Due

"The present Government is pledged to hold an election (no date has yet been fixed) and they are determined that this election will be free and fair.

"The Government have the situation completely in hand and we are fully confident that we

shall be able to carry out our determination to uphold our democratic Constitution and the rule of law in Burma.

"We have adopted measures for Burma into a free Socialist Republic. We have evolved plans for social and economic development within the short period of our existence as an independent country, and some of these plans are taking practical shape in spite of the enormous difficulties which not only Burma but the entire world is experiencing.

"Our achievement is a measure of our success against the forces of disruption and anarchy which we are fighting hard to suppress. To a reporter's accusation that inadequate facilities and press censorship were retarding the work of correspondents in Burma, the Foreign Minister said: "I think there is some misunderstanding on this matter. After a battalion of our Army deserted about two months ago, we naturally had quite a rough time for a few days and we had to apply censorship. But that was only temporary and since then I am informed, censorship has been removed.

"We try to give facilities to everybody to go everywhere but train and bus delays are beyond our control."

The Foreign Minister said the Government hoped that normal conditions throughout Burma could prevail within a year. Burma hoped to export about one million tons of rice this year—the same amount as last year, but 1,000,000 tons below the annual prewar export total. — Reuter.

Telegram For The Forces

London, October 29.
The Post Office announced today that the wartime Forces' social telegram service will be discontinued after December 31, 1948.
For messages between members of the Forces and next of kin relating to essential business of an urgent and private nature, a concession telegram service at an inland rate will continue to be available. — Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.62 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band. H.K.T.

10.00 a.m.—Programme Summary.
10.31 a.m.—Melodies from British Film. (H.K.T.)
11.00 a.m.—Relay of the Service from St. John's Cathedral, Preachers: The Rev. George She, M.A.
11.15 a.m.—Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
12.00 p.m.—Lunch: Ties in a Minor... Instrumental Trio.
12.30 p.m.—Sports Results and Daily Programme Summary.
12.40 p.m.—London Studio Melodies. (H.K.T.)
1.15 p.m.—News Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—A Popular Concert.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
5.58 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.00 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)
6.15 p.m.—Down Honolulu Way.
6.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Sandberger & Palm Court Orchestra with Raymond Newell. (Darlington). (H.K.T.)
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)
7.15 p.m.—"Looking Ahead" A Review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio)
7.30 p.m.—The Noel Coward Programme... Introduced by Noel Coward.
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editor's Desk." (London Relay)
8.15 p.m.—Interlude.
8.15 p.m.—"T.M.A." with Tommy Handley. (London Relay)
8.45 p.m.—University Programme: Art. No. 5. "Approach to Philosophy" by Professor A.J. Ayer. (H.K.T.)
9.05 p.m.—Symphony Concert. (H.K.T.)
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.18 p.m.—Symphony Concert. (Cont'd)
10.30 p.m.—Ballroom. Conducted by the Rev. J.E. Sandbach. (Studio)
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Russia Hasn't Been Told Of Llandudno

It's a pity Arthur Horner couldn't spend a Sunday afternoon, poring over a week's Russian newspapers.

He would surely have been interested to see the splash displayed given to the coal strikes in France—the strikes which he wants British miners to support.

Day after day labour unrest in France and Italy has been in the daily foreign news in Russian papers, to rival in space the endless columns of Vyshinsky's speeches.

For instance, Lavrentia gives three columns to a call by the French trade unionist, Francon, for solidarity between the French and Soviet trade unions.

Defiant declarations of the French strikes make it clear that Moscow regards these as a threat to the Soviet Union, which will spread across the world. By studying carefully what the Russian papers print, and what they omit, you can get a tolerably clear impression of Soviet aims and hopes.

But what a distorted picture of world affairs the Red Press gives.

Two hundred million Russians today still have no idea of what Mr. Churchill said of Llandudno, believe Henry Wallace is the likest candidate for the American Presidency, and are convinced that nobody but Vyshinsky does any serious talking at U.N.O.

Some of those tedious twins, Pravda and Izvestia (which are only four-page papers), have been evolving for whole pages to Vyshinsky's speeches, which lead to the conclusion that Russia is extremely anxious to quit U.N.O. while it provides such an unrivalled sounding-board for Soviet propaganda.

Some of Pravda's leaders seem to reflect positive alarm lest U.N.O. might decide to "liquidate" the Red against U.N.O.—joins issue with the Daily Mail's leader of September 29, which dealt with circumstances in which the Western Powers should walk out of U.N.O. For the Pravda calls the Mail "the devoted servant of Britain in the execution of the plans of Wall Street and the City of London."

On the Russian home front outstanding feature of the Press these days is the "voluntary" drive currently being made for accumulating stocks of raw materials, grain, and other food.

New question for Soviet citizens is: "How does your garden grow?" A series of "Garden Weeks" is currently being held in different parts of the U.S.S.R., and the papers describe how factories everywhere are organising "collective gardens" of fruit trees, flowers, and vegetables.

The movement is led by pupils of the highest Michurin (whose theory of "artificial heredity" is a kind of "artificial" heredity) in the U.S.S.R. Thanks to Michurin, says the Press, "grapes are now grown in Moscow, apples in the Arctic."

Lead in the collective garden plan has been taken by workers of the heavy industries (chemical and copper mines, steel, machine tools) around Sverdlovsk, in the Ural. Each collective gardener has subscribed £7 to pay for seeds, implements, and the salaries of watchmen who see that nobody steals the apples.

Optimists see in all this a cheering sign that the average Russian, like the average Englishman, considers that "garden" is a language thing and has no other meaning. But pessimists point out that the present campaign may have the sinister aim of increasing localised supplies of food for towns and factories in the event of communications being cut by atomic war.

Says
GORDON YOUNG

And, talking of war, that disaster earthquake at Ashkhabad, near the Persian frontier, gave Russian A.R.P. services their greatest test since the war. By dawn on the morning of October 6, the city looked like Coventry after the blitz. The authorities were faced with just that sort of emergency which would follow a surprise air attack on any Soviet city, and they seem to have stood up to the test extremely well.

Aid, radio-directed, was flown in day-and-night air-lifts to Ashkhabad from Baku, Moscow, and elsewhere. Even school-children were mobilised to speed salvage work.

Within a week water and electricity services were largely restored, the homeless were housed in thousands of tents and fed free of charge by 15 field-kitchens.

Another feat has been that of 502 of Russian's 50,000 expert alpinists, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of Soviet mountaineering by a mass climb to the 16,540ft. summit of Mount Kazbek in the Caucasus.

Before the Revolution only 55 men had ever climbed this mountain, but in the past 25 years more than 10,000 have reached its top. This is currently hailed in the Press as another triumph for the Communist ideal.

Footnote for accountants: Trade in Russia—the accountant with a good politico-ideological background is a Guardian of the State. But "in the bourgeois lands he is only an obedient servant, paid to add up the veal revenues of the capitalists."

THE 14 MEN WHO RULE 300,000,000

STALIN and Molotov apart, few people could name more than a couple of the 14 men of the Kremlin—the all-powerful Politburo which rules over a sixth of the earth's surface.

Few people, indeed, know how the Soviet Government system works at all. Main body (in theory) of the Supreme Soviet (which generally meets only about once a year) is a council of Ministers of about 55 members and roughly corresponding to our Cabinet.

But corresponding to the Council of Ministers is the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party.

Fourteen of its members form the all-powerful body—the Political Bureau, the rulers of the U.S.S.R.

THE "WICKED UNCLE"

At their head, of course, is STALIN, 69, reported mentally fatigued, physically troubled. Closest man to him is 57-year-old VYACHESLAV MOLOTOV (christened Skriabin, meaning Hammer). Twice exiled, six times jailed, Russia's "wicked uncle" of international politics is the much-loved "Uncle Mikhailovich" at scores of children's parties in Moscow.

Russia's favourite, "No" man, Molotov today is the favourite as Stalin's successor.

Much-feared man is the 48-year-old Georgian LAVENTRI BERIA, fussy dandy, who is Deputy Prime Minister, head of the O.G.P.U. (Secret Police) and boss of Russia's atomic set-up. He was once a schemer.

NIKOLAI BULGANIN is the factory clerk who became Army chief. Red-headed, 52, left-handed and excitable, he admires London's fire brigades, hates pencils and the smell of flowers. Bulganin holds much power: he has the Army behind him, is a close friend of atom-boss Beria.

STALIN'S FAVOURITE

One of the Politburo's most talkative men is GEORGI MALENKOV. The hefty, pallid Suvonarov of Communism, who thunders against anything corrupt, is Stalin's personal favourite. Malenkov is a great organizer, particularly militarily.

Mr. Winston Churchill at the Conservative Conference declared: "The 14 men in the Kremlin who rule over 300,000,000 human beings... dread the friendship of the free civilised world as much as they would its hostility."

Who are these men? Here are their portraits.

By Victor Lewis

whose article in the "Daily Graphic," "After Stalin—Who?" reprinted in papers in many countries, caused Russian troops to be called out in Vienna and the paper in which it was reprinted there to be seized.

In complete contrast is the famous Red Army Marshal KLEMENTI VOROSHILOV, a quiet man in council, but a gay liver. He is not popular in the Politburo. Many hold him a failure as a war leader in 1941.

The Politburo man who negotiated the Anglo-Soviet Trade Agreement with Mr. Harold Wilson was ANASTAS MIKOVAN, 53-year-old Armenian who nearly faced British firing squad in 1919, when he was 20, as one of the Baku Bolshevik agitators. He was reprieved at the last moment. It was Russia's cunning "Tas" and Stalin's second deputy on the Council of Ministers.

The stern disciplinarian of the 14 is ANDREI ANDREYEV, 51-year-old peasant, who as chairman of the commission on party control is the man who roots out ideological contamination of party members. Officially he is Minister of Agriculture.

Lesser members of the Politburo are LAZAR KAGANOVICH, Stalin's brother-in-law and the man who built Moscow's underground railway; NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, Secretary-General of the Party in the Ukraine; the titular President of the Supreme Soviet, NIKOLAI SHVERNIK, in reality a Minister without portfolio or much power; the 42-year-old ALEXEI KOZVGIN, "baby" of the 14, a financial "wizard," and NIKOLAI VOZNESENSKY, chairman of the State Planning Committee.

There are many mysteries about these men and few know when they meet; few see them in private life; their journeyings are mainly kept secret.

There is a bigger mystery. Only 13 of the 14 names are known. Many think Vishinsky is a member. He is not. Number 14 was ANDREI ZHDANOV, frequently tipped as Stalin's successor. He died last month. Nobody outside Russia knows the name of his successor.

The assignment is in line with the programme of building up the strength of the Royal Navy following its "run down" last year, the Admiralty said. At the completion of her refit she will undergo sea trials before sailing, possibly in January.

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RHONA CHURCHILL describes a Not so glamorous journey on the Orient Express

NO SLEEPING CAR FROM TRIESTE

SLEEPING cars to Trieste may be fun for Jean Kent, but it is failure to book a sleeper that makes Orient Express travel exciting for ordinary folk.

Its luxurious wagons—lits, berths of a script-writer's gunman and spies, are dreary dens. It is the corner seat in the crowded day coach that provides novelty. Here anything can happen, as I discovered when I failed to book a sleeper from Trieste.

26-Hour Lesson

I MOUNTED the Trieste coach at Venice, with my husband, and descended at Calais 26 hours later, minus husband, but nursing a screaming new-born Italo-Yugoslav babe that had lost its mother and its milk supply.

Much happened on route, including a fire, and we learnt things about the English (and

foreigners) abroad that we should not have guessed in a voyage-ll.

You could not blame the mother for leaving me holding the baby at Calais. We had all had enough of it by then. It had screamed almost non-stop from Trieste (4 a.m. Saturday)

By RHONA CHURCHILL

to Calais (3 a.m. Sunday) and looked like continuing.

Our seat reservations were, of course, with the baby, its Trieste mother and English granny.

We escaped, temporarily, next door, where a chatty Englishman was hostess of the racket he operated between Germany, Italy, and Palestine, with headquarters in a famous Milan hotel.

"Most fascinating bird there," he told us. "Picked every evening with wealthy Egyptians, Arabs, and Jews, all trying to outbid each other in buying war stores for Palestine." He hinted that he had just completed a profitable deal.

At night we found more cosmopolitan company—an Italian (Benito, from now on), a Brazilian, a Paris silk merchant (Monsieur X), and a filthy mad-moiselle (dubbed Fifi).

At 11 p.m. we switched off the main lights—but not the chatter. Monsieur X was worried about Customs. Oh, in in! How they had searched him last time. Everything, but everything, they had taken off him. Fifi giggled. "But I assure you, monsieur," he insisted.

"I, too, have always the Customs trouble," said Benito happily. "They see my passport. They say, this one he crosses often, we search him. They search. They find nothing. It is not we business men who smuggle currency. We have no need. We can always arrange these things."

"True," said Monsieur X. "You want francs. I want lire. We meet. We fix. Simple. Why smuggle? It is the Customs men who smuggle currency. Women! women!" He winked at me.

The White Lie

THEN Benito addresses me. "Madame, have you all the francs you need? If not, I give you plenty in Paris. You pay me in London." He offers his card, bearing Paris and London addresses.

My law-abiding husband is present, no I am not. "Thank you, but I have enough francs," which

is untrue, since we have none left to pay for breakfast.

"You and monsieur must descend at Paris come to Longchamp this afternoon. An Italian horse will win the big race. It cannot lose. I lend you money to bet, then we celebrate all night."

This fruitful chatter stops at the brusque cry of "Dames. We are leaving Italy. Benito, as anticipated, is ordered off the train and returns dishevelled but resigned.

"Everything?" ask Fifi and the Frenchman.

"But yes, everything," says Benito. "They find nothing, of course. Why should I smuggle when I can arrange?"

"True," says Monsieur X. "But they will search me at the French border. You'll see." And we did.

The rest of us escaped with mild questioning. Benito observed, truthfully if tactlessly, that if anyone were smuggling currency it would be les femmes (meaning Fifi) or British tourists (meaning me).

To The Rescue

At Paris they cut the Orient Express in half, leaving us seatless in the last of six corridor-jammed coaches. We edged forward to the luncheon car (sterling now accepted). It was when returning to base that I heard the Trieste babe's familiar wail.

Granny looked worried. "Mama can't feed baby any more. She needs food and water herself."

"I'll hold it while you have lunch," I said.

"We'll be back before we reach Calais," they promised. But they weren't.

The train stopped. Porters rushed in. The train emptied. Baby and I waited. No one came.

At last the two women returned, breathless and indignant, having had currency trouble over the bill. Then came my husband, also indignant, having lost his porter while searching for his wife.

"Women," he cried, aping Benito. He had had enough of no sleeper from Trieste.

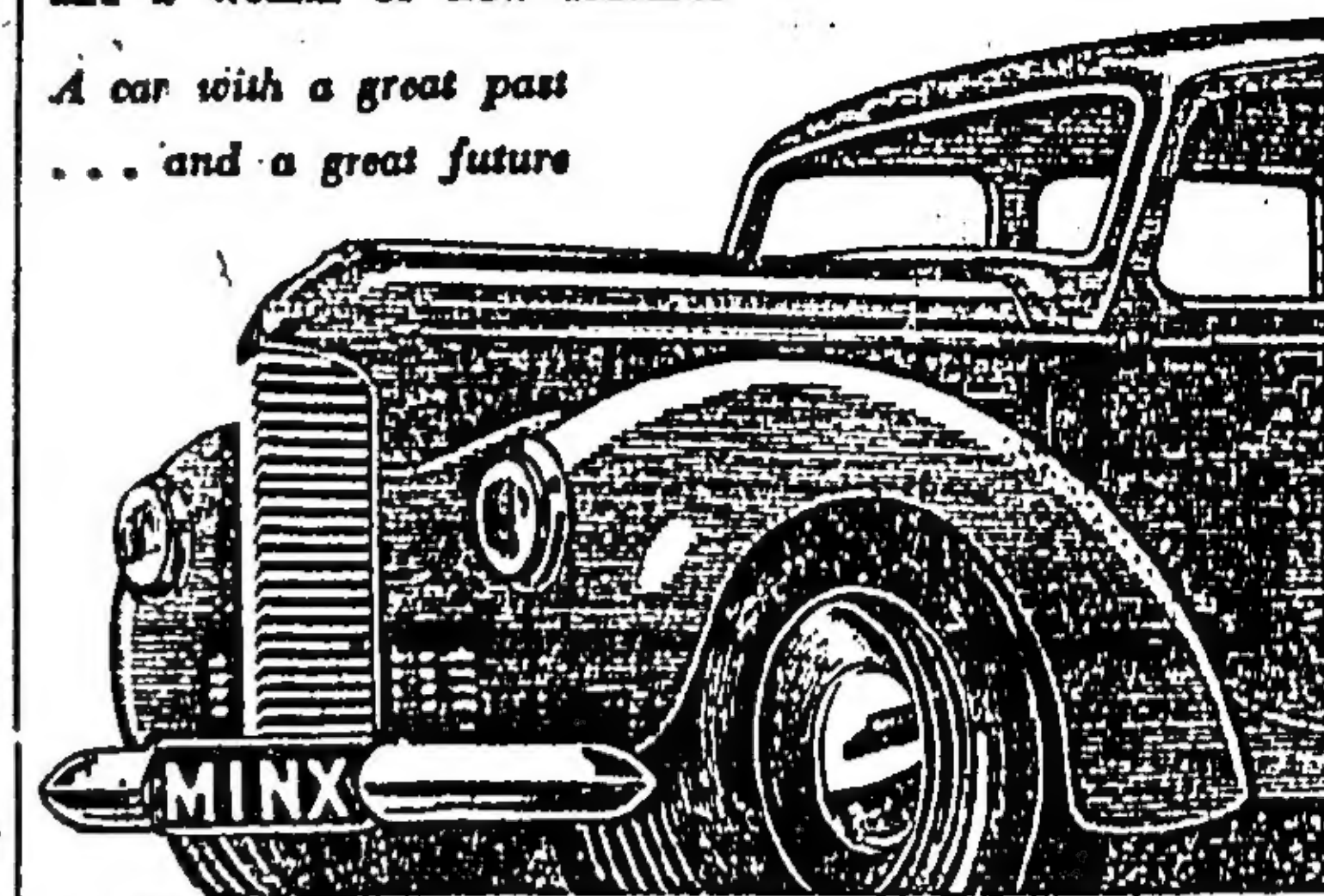
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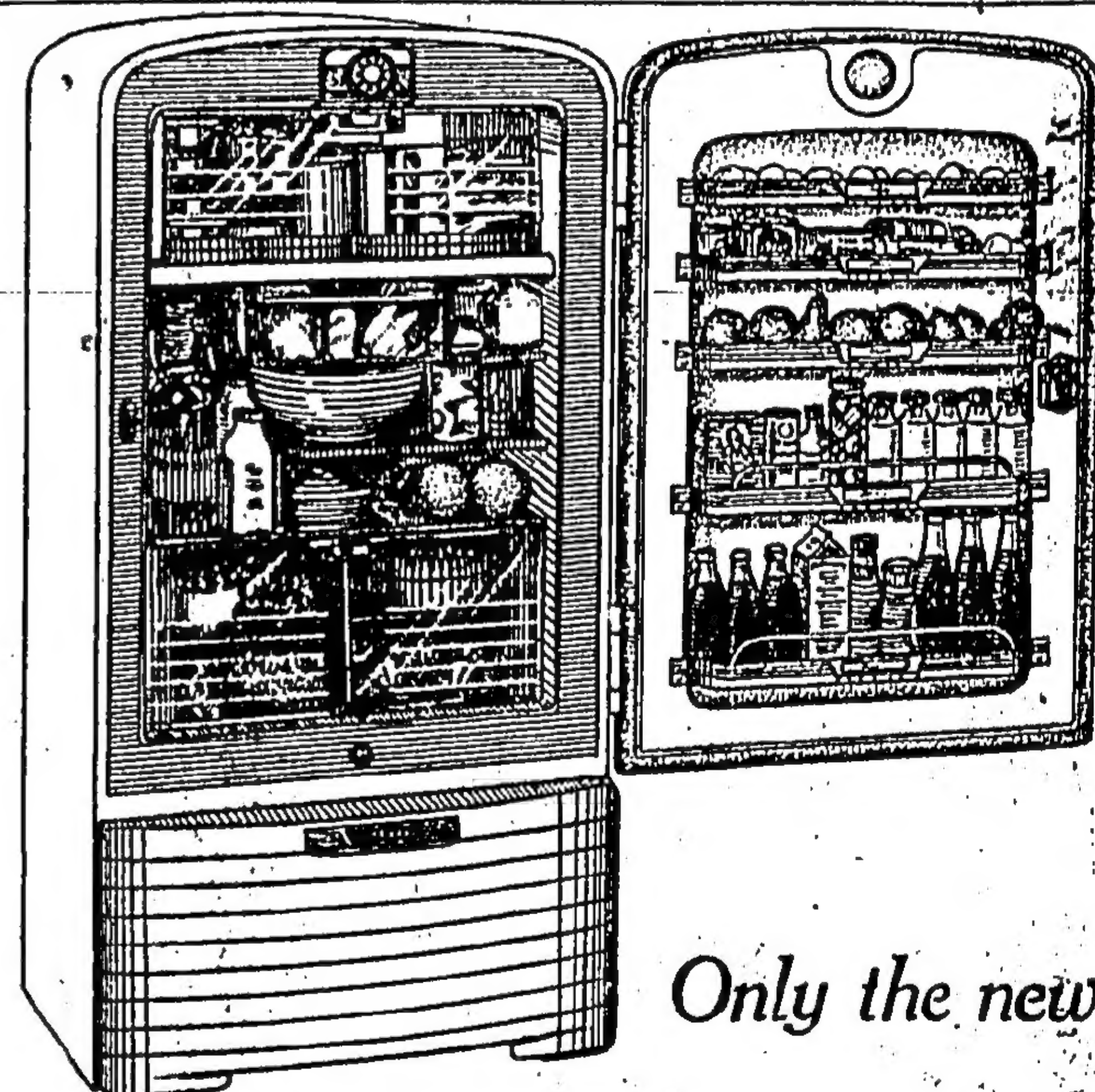
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Way Cleared For Interim Government In Indonesia

Norwegians Examine The Record

Oslo, October 23. After eight days of debate the Norwegian Lower House has unanimously adopted the first five sections of the report of the official investigating Commission which examined the activities of the Norwegian authorities before, during and after the German invasion.

The debate on the first section which concerned actions on foreign and defence policies by the government of Mr. Johan Nygrandsdalen before the war up to June 7, 1940, when the King and Government left the country, ended on Saturday with the decision not to consider impeachment.

The House unanimously agreed on a compromise resolution that "the report required to further action on the part of the House."

Criticism raised during the debate dwelt on alleged faults of judgment, but the intentions and patriotism of those concerned were not questioned.

With the Lower House in evidence of the main part of the investigating Commission's report, observers here regarded the matter as closed. Reuter.

Plenty Of Voters For US Elections

Washington, October 30. The United States will have about 95,000,000 men and women of voting age by election day, November 2, the Census Bureau estimated.

Many of them will be ineligible to vote for various reasons and many who will be eligible won't actually vote.

"Pity And Sympathy" For Churchill

Bombay, October 30. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's acting Prime Minister, said in Bombay last night that "one has nothing but pity and sympathy" for Mr. Winston Churchill. Britain's Conservative Party leader who told the House of Commons on Thursday night that 30,000 British soldiers could rule India in peace.

Speaking at a reception by the Journalists' Union, Patel, in Bombay for conferences on the future of Hyderabad State, asserted that not even 300,000 British soldiers could rule India or the East.

Patel said that Churchill "must not attempt to destroy the work by greater men" and asked, "does he not realize that the world today has greatly changed, that the world today is different. It is a pity to see the man who won the war lowering his prestige and position he held during the days of war."

Patel added that "Churchill made it possible for Democracy to survive and yet he now wants to see the same Democracy destroyed in the whole world." Associated Press.

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The Hague, October 29. The First Chamber of the States General passed tonight an emergency bill enabling the Dutch Government to proceed with the immediate establishment of an Interim Government in Indonesia. The voting was 38 for, 12 against. The bill is designed to leave the door open for the Indonesian Republic, should it wish to join the Federal Interim Government. The Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament approved the measure on Tuesday.

A warning that the Dutch Government must reckon with the possibility of the Indonesian situation taking an unexpected turn from one day to another was contained in an explanatory note attached to the bill. In Java itself, the Communists, whose uprising was reported "all but over" a week ago, have seized these more townships in the center of the country. Dutch sources in Batavia said to be quoting an Indonesian military communiqué.

The insurgents thrust Northwards from Mount Lawu, near their former stronghold of Madiun, and occupied Kismantoro, Bulukerto and Purwokerto. Republican troops have been ordered to occupy the area west of Lawu to cut off any further Communist attempts to break through to the North and West. Another Dutch East Indies news agency, reported from West Java that the Gunung Bulud Tead Rubber Estate

Revolution In Mining Machinery

New Lexington, Ohio, October 28.

A huge machine that may put half the nation's coal miners out of work was announced here by a Pittsburgh firm, Sunnyside Coal Company.

It displayed a new and revolutionary mining contraption which it claimed could do the work of three other machines and at least a dozen workers.

The company called it "Coal-mol"—a contraction of coal and mole—and said it could dig and load from three to five tons of coal a minute in suitable surroundings.

The formal statement accompanying the demonstration said:

"The average American miner produces approximately five tons of coal per man per day. In modern mines production in thick coal under ideal conditions may reach 15-20 tons per man per day. Coal-mol may produce up to 100 tons per man day."

The company said "Coal-mol" did the work of cutting machine, drilling machine and loading machine. United Press.

Recruitment Of US Career Spies

Washington, October 29.

The Government soon may recruit highly paid professional men as "career spies" to help build an efficient American espionage organization.

Frank Gervasi, Washington editor of Colliers, reported this in the magazine's current issue.

Gervasi said that formation of a super-spy corps probably will be recommended next month by the so-called Dulles Committee of Three which was appointed to study the espionage problem.

He added that the committee is expected to propose the opening up of careers in espionage for the best American political scientists, historians, economists and transportation and communications engineers. They would be paid salaries comparable to those they could earn in private jobs.

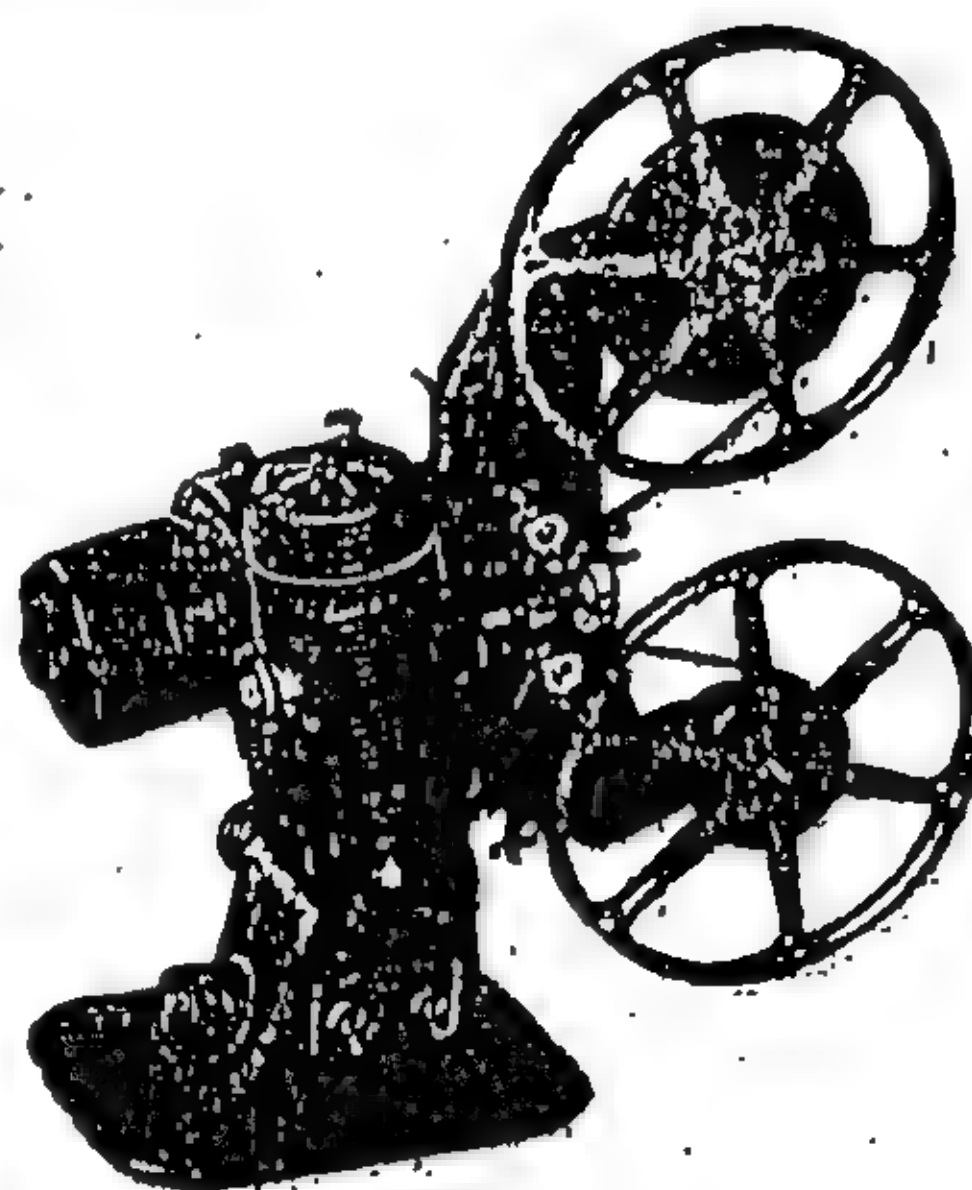
Gervasi said the Committee chairman, Allen Dulles, who is a brother of John Foster Dulles, revealed "rare ability in espionage" during his World War II operations with the Office of Strategic Services.

Gervasi credited Dulles with direction of espionage work which tipped off the Allies Powers to the existence of the secret German V-1 and V-2 experiments at Peenemunde on the Baltic Coast.

He said that Dulles reported to the British and their planes bombed and destroyed robot launching sites in 1942.

He said that Dulles also placed a spy in the office of the Nazi Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop in 1942.

Gervasi said that from that time until the surrender of Germany, Dulles received daily copies of every communication that passed across Ribbentrop's desk. United Press.



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EXPLOSIONS ON SUN DWARF ATOMIC BLASTS

Ithaca, New York, October 30.

The tremendous forces which exist in the sun—thousands of times more fantastic than an atomic explosion—were demonstrated here at a gathering of radio-astronomers.

Motion pictures of the sun, taken through special telescopic equipment, revealed a series of mighty explosions dwarfing the blast of an atom bomb.

One of the explosions shot up a column estimated to be 20,000 miles high which mushroomed out into a head five times bigger than the base. Another eruption took the form of a perfect wreath of fire that rose from the sun's edge and swelled until it was nearly 1,000,000 miles across.

Scientists believe these phenomena may be the "tubes" which generate the sun's radio signals, whose source they are trying to determine.

The movies were shown by Dr. Donald Menzel, of Harvard Observatory. The radio astronomers include engineers, physicists and radio men who plan to use the radio and radar signals coming from the earth from all directions as much as telescopes are used to learn more about the stars and the structure of the universe.

Much Like Radar

These radio signals are electromagnetic waves, the same as light, but longer, ranging from less than an inch to several inches and sometimes yards longer. They are much like radar and television signals.

When you look at the Aurora Borealis, you see flickering lights in the sky which are connected with the radio signals from space.

The flickers may be the signals from Sun or Milky Way flashing through glowing oxygen and nitrogen. The radio-astronomers say it is also possible that the flickers are due to the Aurora creating its own radio waves.

These signals from space come not only from the Sun and stars, but from parts of the sky which appear to contain nothing. One of the strongest radio signal pests is the centre of the Milky Way, the imaginary pole around which this great star system turns.

To reach the Earth these signals travel the distance light goes in 10,000 years. Measurements of this celestial pole indicate the Earth is in the Northern hemisphere of the great flattened globe which turns the Milky Way. Associated Press.

GANDHI TRIAL A MARATHON

New Delhi, October 29.

The first stage of the trial of Vinayak Nathuram Godse and seven other men charged with murder and conspiracy to murder Mahatma Gandhi, ended today when the special court trying them completed the hearing of evidence from the 143 prosecution witnesses.

The trial has already lasted 34 days since Mr. C. K. Daphtary, the chief prosecuting counsel, opened his case on June 24.

The second phase of the trial will begin on November 3, when Judge Alta Chaudhry will record statements by the accused.

Ramchandra Badge, who turned King's evidence and was pardoned, has made a long statement running to 70 pages. The defence, it was thought, would not produce any witnesses. Reuter.

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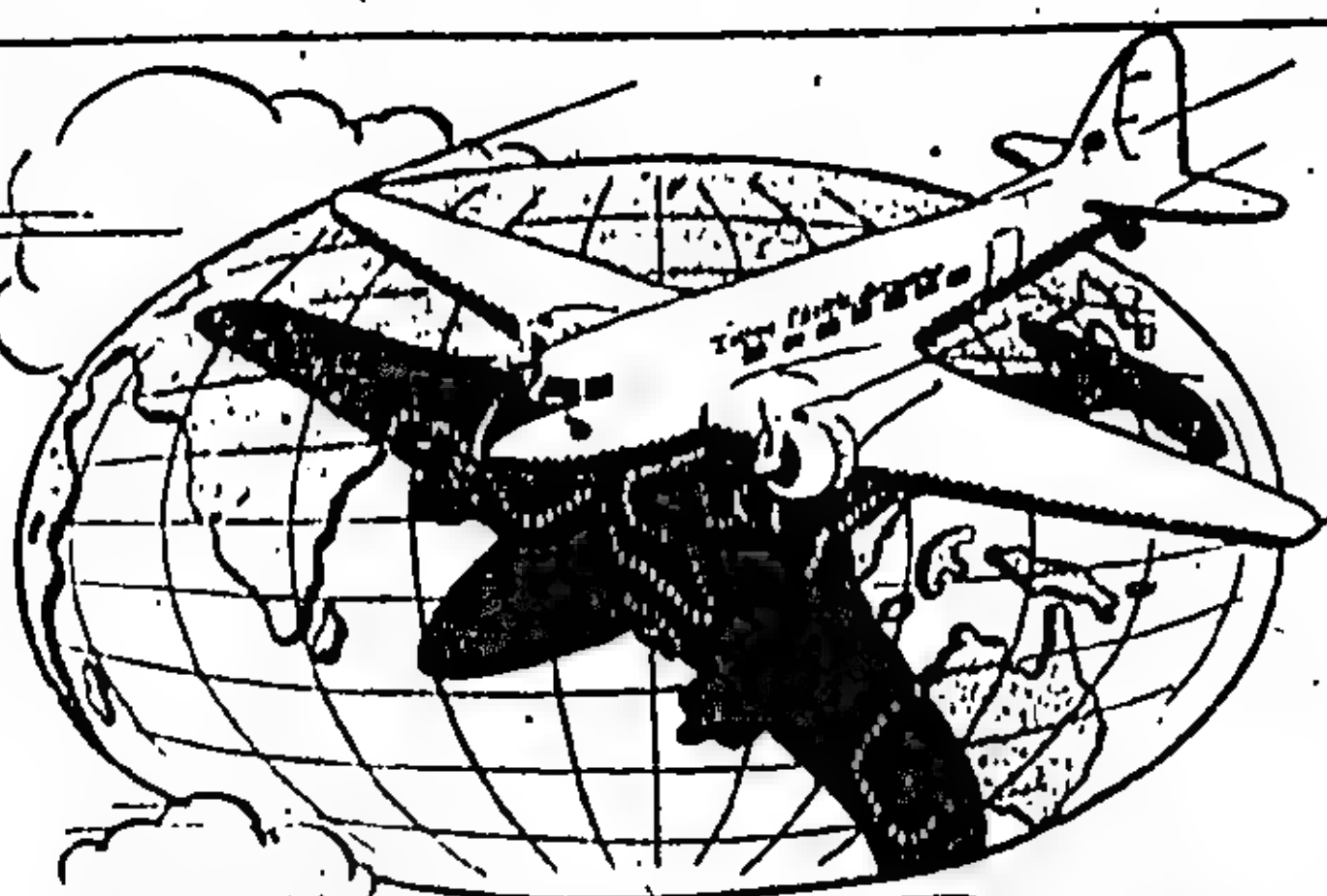
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BIRTH

BAILEY—At St. Theresa's Hospital, on October 29, 1948, Audrey, wife of A. F. Bailey, daughter, Jessie Anne. (Shanghai papers please copy).

CURIOUS FIGURES

The storm of public protest accusing the Government of profligate extravagance in the construction of 20 flats for civil servants at Leighton Hill has brought a reply from the Government quoting two figures. The first declares the over-all cost at \$3,800,000, or an average of \$140,000 per flat; the second asserts that the cost works out at a little more than \$2 a cubic foot, a figure which could be brought still lower by further development of the site. If it is hoped, or expected, that figures such as these will still the clamour, we imagine the Government is destined to receive a shock. If there is not a demand for further details—a request that the Government reconcile two figures which, on their face in the absence of any hint as to how they were arrived at, are mutually contradictory—the surprise will be ours. The figures certainly will not help the Government much in an attempt to disprove the accusation of over-lavish expenditure. Far more likely is a charge of playing with figures in such a way as to mislead. Architects, particularly, will be most interested to learn how the Government's experts reached the assessment of \$2 per cubic foot, which is less than two-thirds of the ruling commercial rate for comparable-type structures. A substantial part of the total cost of Leighton Hill mansions was taken up in the building of a huge retaining wall, a 30-foot approach road and site preparation, generally. The most expensive form of construction was employed. Leighton Hill apartments are, for instance, built throughout their entire six-stories with exterior walls of nine-inch reinforced concrete, (converting them into a veritable fortress) the interior design is extremely wasteful of space, and the appointments are of the highest quality. When Government throws the protests back into the teeth of the public with a claim that this type of construction was completed at an average cost of a little more than \$2 a cubic foot, architects and land investment companies will almost certainly want to know how the miracle was achieved. For it must be regarded as little short of a miracle. Private companies are paying more than \$3 a cubic foot. If this government can carry through a large project of this nature at a standard rate cheaper than is possible in the open market, the secret should be shared. It is neither fair nor reasonable that the Government should get away with things so cheaply when the rest of the community is still paying through the nose.

Opportunity

The disappearance of the telecommunications branch of the Government and its absorption by Cable and Wireless rather suggests an excellent opportunity for another revolutionary step—the grant of a greater measure of independence to Radio Hong Kong. Under the new regime, Radio Hong Kong will, continue to operate under the aegis of the Government, although the provision and maintenance of its technical equipment will be the responsibility of Cable and Wireless. The broadcasting studios are to be removed to, Electra House

INSIDE EUROPE AGAIN TITO-STALIN SPLIT IS A REAL BREAK

My first, my last, my constant question on this journey was—"Will there be a war?"

From all of Communism's satellite countries the answer was a shocked "No."

I saw for myself that none of these countries was in any condition to fight a war. A political leader in a country that was hampered by the last one asked me: "Could Britain afford a third glorious victory?" His meaning was: "How much less can we afford another thrashing!"

But war might come by accident. That may be the only way it could come, since people who should know have convinced me that the Russians don't intend to start hostilities. Why should they, when they can get most of what they want just on the strength of an idea?

Their bullying is part of their defence mechanism. The reason they don't want anybody to go into Russia is because they don't want people to see what foul shape they're in.

It's reasonable to ask: If the Russians don't want a war, why do they behave so abominably?

The answer, I imagine, is:

1. They don't know any better.

2. They are more or less bluffing, convinced that we won't start a war yet.

They are, therefore, prepared to act tough, to make trouble, to foment unrest. They are gambling that we won't take upon us the formidable onus of up-and-socking 'em.

I met Tito and talked with him. I regard him as the most hopeful sign in Europe. It was an awful blow to the Kremlin when he got away with his defection.

The Lost Bastion

How could the Russians start a war now that his "treachery" has exposed their left flank between the Danube and the Adriatic? When they may have lost the support of the only strong army of the satellite States?

Behind The Political Scene

DANGERS OF MORE APPEASEMENT

Since Mr. Churchill made his Atom bomb speech in North Wales, in America and elsewhere abroad, official personages have shown a certain cautious hesitancy before making public their comments upon this important utterance.

It would be wrong to expect responsible politicians or publicists to rush into words or print their immediate reactions.

Last week, however, the Government's loudest mouth-pieces went into action early and Mr. Shinwell, who was pursuing his usual sabotage of his own recruiting drive, violently condemned Mr. Churchill for "warmongering," using arguments made familiar by Moscow Radio.

He was also incoherent enough to say that the speech contained "downright lies." He should have been taught by his recent clash with Mr. Oliver Lyttelton of which we have not heard the last. No doubt if Mr. Churchill thought it worth while to bandy words with Mr. Shinwell, their interchange would conclude in another ignominious retreat on the latter's part.

On The Fence

Meanwhile our most expensive London newspaper, from its lofty judgment seat on the fence, editorialised wistfully (in both accepted senses of that word). It thought that the Tories might have misinterpreted Mr. Churchill's speech, which was being directed at an American radio audience; while at the same time the latter, it seemed, was likely to have been led astray by its unimagination of the fact that Mr. Churchill was speaking to a party conference.

The article (one could not call it a leader) went on to opine that the Llandudno speech was not so "statesmanlike" as "Ful-ton" or "Zurich." But the same newspaper was at the time noticeably unenthusiastic about both those orations.

We may safely suppose that before very long there will be regret expressed that some subsequent speech by Mr. Churchill lacked the "statesmanlike touch" which marked the Llandudno speech.

But the nations of the West can ill afford what might be called "The Times" log in the formulation of either opinion or policy. Mr. Churchill's theme was a clear one, and there is surely none other that can dominate our actions if they are to be successful in preventing a third world war.

when that building is completed. The separation of Radio Hong Kong from the cogs of the administrative machine will by that move be half achieved. Surely the time will then be favourable for a complete change of status.

Mind you, Yugoslavia will tell you that if there's war they will fight on the Russian side. Well, maybe.

Tito seems calm and shows no outward sign of nervousness about his "excommunication." Around him there is no feeling of crisis. He has slanted against the Kremlin hierarchy, but it is very hard for the Russians to do anything about it. He's not easy to

JOHN GUNTHER,

American with the "seeing eye," author of the pre-war treatise "Inside Europe," is in London after a recent tour. A five-month tour took him behind the Iron Curtain—to Yugoslavia, Trieste, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Italy, Germany, Poland, France, Belgium, and Holland. Here are his conclusions as given in an interview with LAURENCE WILKINSON.

assassinate. They can't make war on him, and any economic sanctions would just push him further into the arms of the West.

Despite this situation, Tito seemed to me unwilling to commit himself categorically to friendship with America and Britain. Any approach to him must be made with the utmost tact, because the Yugoslavs still consider themselves loyal and gallant Russian allies. They regard their differences with Moscow as an ideological dispute. They would rather be friends with Russia than with us.

'Chances Are Nil'

Whatever they think, the chances of a reconciliation between Tito and Stalin are nil. This is a real break.

Least changed of all the countries behind the Iron Curtain—at least on the surface—is Hun-

gary. In Budapest the girls still wear pretty dresses, business men wear their coffee at pavement cafes. There are gypsy orchestras and few political posters.

Poland is the most animated, effervescent. It pulses with life. Warsaw is in ruins. There is destruction to an unimaginable extent. The horror they must have gone through is something that makes you gasp. But they have romanticism.

Food is plentiful and cheap. They are rebuilding their city with their bare hands.

Prague is the saddest place of all. Before the war she was a democracy. She has lost her freedom that pre-war Poland and Yugoslavia, still run by feudal barons, did not know. The Czechs feel acutely how horrible is this regime compared with what it was before.

Little To Eat

Their harvest has failed, the shops are cleaned out, there is very little to eat. There is a strong feeling of police domination. They are a suffering people, and so gloomy it breaks your heart. Traditionally, Czechoslovakia lives by the export of luxuries, or leather, toys, porcelain, glass, beer, gloves, guns. Her markets have gone, none that this is the first industrial country in which Communism has been tried. It is proving a desperate failure. There are food shortages. In Yugoslavia too, but the spirit is quite different.

There you have poverty-stricken peasants backing the regime because their leaders offer them hope. They have never had anything. Now they see a light on the horizon. They march and sing and dig, lay railroads.

Make no mistake, these countries have changed permanently. Even should they split with Russia they are going to stay Socialist. Conventional Capitalism is a dead thing in Central and Eastern Europe, as dead as Cheops and Tutankhamen.

Avoidable Blunders

Mr. Roosevelt was to die before he was confronted with the dire consequences of his foolhardy confidence in his own untutored judgment in world affairs and of his overweening vanity. Mr. Churchill, if he would, might have saved Mr. Truman from many avoidable blunders.

Mr. Atlee has never possessed such influence and Mr. Bevin has rarely found the right words for an American audience. But their failure to acquaint the British public with the facts of the situation and to repair the harm first done by light-headed propaganda put out at the general election and still indulged in by Ministers such as Shinwell and Bevin. Even in the present worsening emergency Socialist Ministers have failed to tell the unpalatable truth in the forthright manner favoured by Mr. Churchill.

Mr. Bevin has until lately been speaking in terms of containment. But Mr. Churchill was obviously right in declaring that there can be no European or world settlement capable of securing peace unless it is one which is capable of sending Russia back behind her former frontiers.

Even that nervous pundit Mr. Walter Lippmann agrees with Mr. Churchill in this diagnosis, though he prefers it to be whispered by Mr. Vandenberg at home than broadcast from abroad by the Leader of his Majesty's Opposition.

Treading Water

It is possible, and even likely, that a policy of complete strength in defence of peace, such as that outlined by Mr. Churchill, will be adopted by Mr. Dowey's administration when it takes over next January 20. But in the meantime we can only tread water and trust to Mr. Marshall and a few leading Republicans to save us all from being dragged under by Mr. Truman's last despairing convulsions.

The intervening period is therefore one in which the Soviet leaders will try every possible trick, and there is some reason to doubt if we are in our present mood, fully proof against such tactics.

The economic difficulties of France and Italy must sharpen the Communist strike weapons. The hopeless desire for neutrality and a quiet life will assist them should they lay such a subtle trap as a sudden proposal for the evacuation of troops from Germany.

In these circumstances the role of Britain, backed by her Empire will be a vital one.

MALAYA MUST SOLVE ITS CHINESE PUZZLE

This guerrilla war in Malaya which is now settling into a routine army and police combat-out of suspected areas could not last another month without the aid, if somewhat reluctant, backing the Communist bandits still get from their Chinese kinsmen.

The support that counts comes from two extremes of Chinese society: At bottom, the poor squatters who from their jungle clearings give vegetables, information, and shelter, and at top, the richer, gullible, shopkeepers.

It is significant that the promptest and fullest support the British forces are receiving against the Chinese Communist gangs has come from Malaya. They comprise the bulk of the special constabulary recruited to guard estates and mines, are also

been so patient with the Chinese for so long that the Malaya, awakening politically and fully alive to native nationalism arising in nearby Indonesia and Burma, are inclined to resent the implied importance of an alien race in their own country.

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By LACHIE McDONALD

business men, and others secretly buying "protection" with hard cash and goods.

The penalty for a squatter caught reaping the fruits of his hut and probable banishment. The penalty for Chinese proved to have added terrorists with money and supplies is still being discussed, but is not likely to exceed a stiff term of imprisonment within Malaya.

Local critics claim that similar offenders would be hanged or beheaded in China.

Between these two classes of Malayan Chinese are what Malcolm MacDonald upon his recent arrival from London described to reporters as "a vast majority of Chinese who are supporting the Government and are strongly hostile to Communism."

Fear Of Reprisals

Mr. MacDonald, as Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom in South-East Asia and an astute diplomat, could hardly add the equal truth that even this majority still fear to support us actively and openly.

What is the reason behind this unsatisfactory and insulting Chinese attitude towards a British Administration giving them greater safety, better opportunities, complete commercial stability than exist in their ancestral homeland?

It is simply fear of reprisals against either their lives or property. Also, Chinese whether born in Malaya or elsewhere, are nearly all Chinese first and Malayan second. There is even a sneaking racial regard for the yellow youths of the jungle who have dared to buck the British authority.

All this is not news out here. But because not a single British official or civilian has bravely denounced this "play safe" policy of most Chinese, it has not appeared plainly in local newspapers or been cabled abroad.

Every important European I have talked with in Government or commercial circles, in clubs or on estates, has damned this Chinese characteristic.

But always they have hastily added: "Don't put those words into my mouth."

Close Knit

The Chinese here are a closely knit powerful segment of the Malayan population. Commercially they almost dominate the country. They also provide most of the worthwhile manual labour on estates and mines and supply the bulk of the more efficient office workers.

Next come the Indians, also immigrants, with the proud Malays in bottom place at coolie work or jobs in counting-houses. British authorities here have

flocking to the colours of the Malay Regiment which is being greatly expanded.

The Malays are not fools. They know if Britain backed down here the Chinese soon would overrun their country and crowd Malaya into tenth-rate positions politically and in nearly every other field.

Currency Drain

Malaya and Singapore have been most kind to Chinese immigrants, who, it is true, have contributed much to the building of modern Malaya. This consideration continues.

Even today, with exchange controls shackling easy transfer of money from most world countries, Malaya, and Singapore still allow a monthly average of over £250,000 to be sent to China by Chinese with relatives there.

In times of international trade there is no commensurate return for this steady currency drain.

Yet the majority of Chinese here limit their loyalty to Malaya and Singapore as soon as there is any conflict with Chinese interests.

There is lots of lip-service from Chinese political and commercial chiefs, but seldom publicly in a time of local emergency like the present one.

For instance, not a single Chinese politician stood up to deplore publicly the recent murder of pro-British, pro-Malayan doctor Ong Chong Kong, the Federal Legislative Councillor from Penang whose blunt criticism so stung local Chinese Communists.

"Too dangerous" appeared the general verdict. It is also "too dangerous" to defy demands from Communist bandits for funds and supplies.

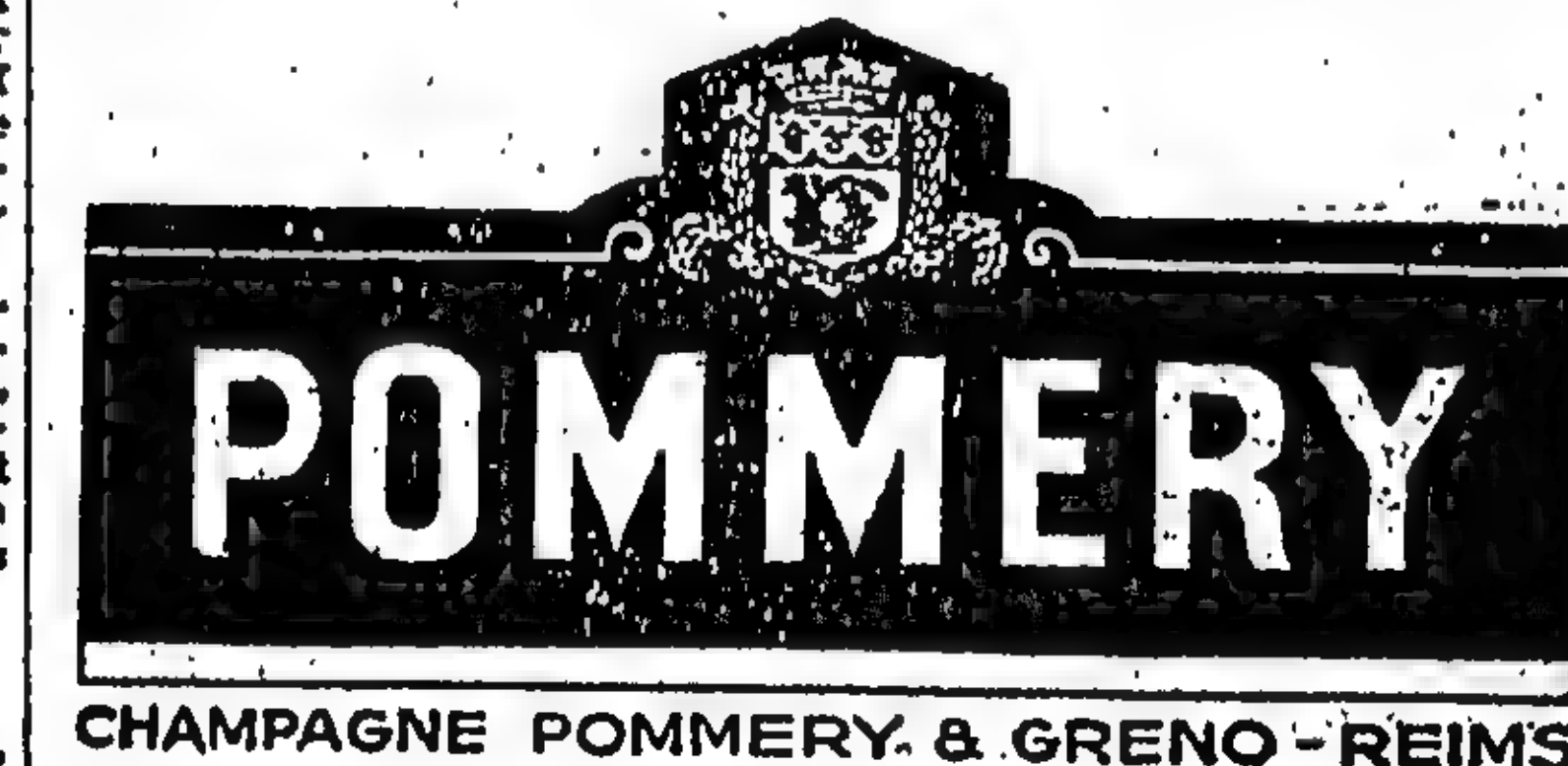
Secret Societies

According to the police, Dr. Ong was killed in a peculiarly Chinese fashion. His murder resulted from a conspiracy between the Malayan Communist Party and the Penang cell of one of three powerful Chinese secret societies still operating illegally throughout Malaya and Singapore.

Here again the Chinese fear to talk the sort of secret societies they brought from China 150 years ago quickly settle the hash of squelchers.

However, Chinese leaders recently had plenty to say supporting a Kuala Lumpur suggestion that the United Kingdom taxpayers should foot war damage claims in full and also pay for the present fight against Chinese errorists.

They like to have their cake as well as eat it. Which is why there will be an increasingly serious Chinese problem in Malaya and Singapore long after British and Malay soldiers and police have crushed the present Communist insurrection.



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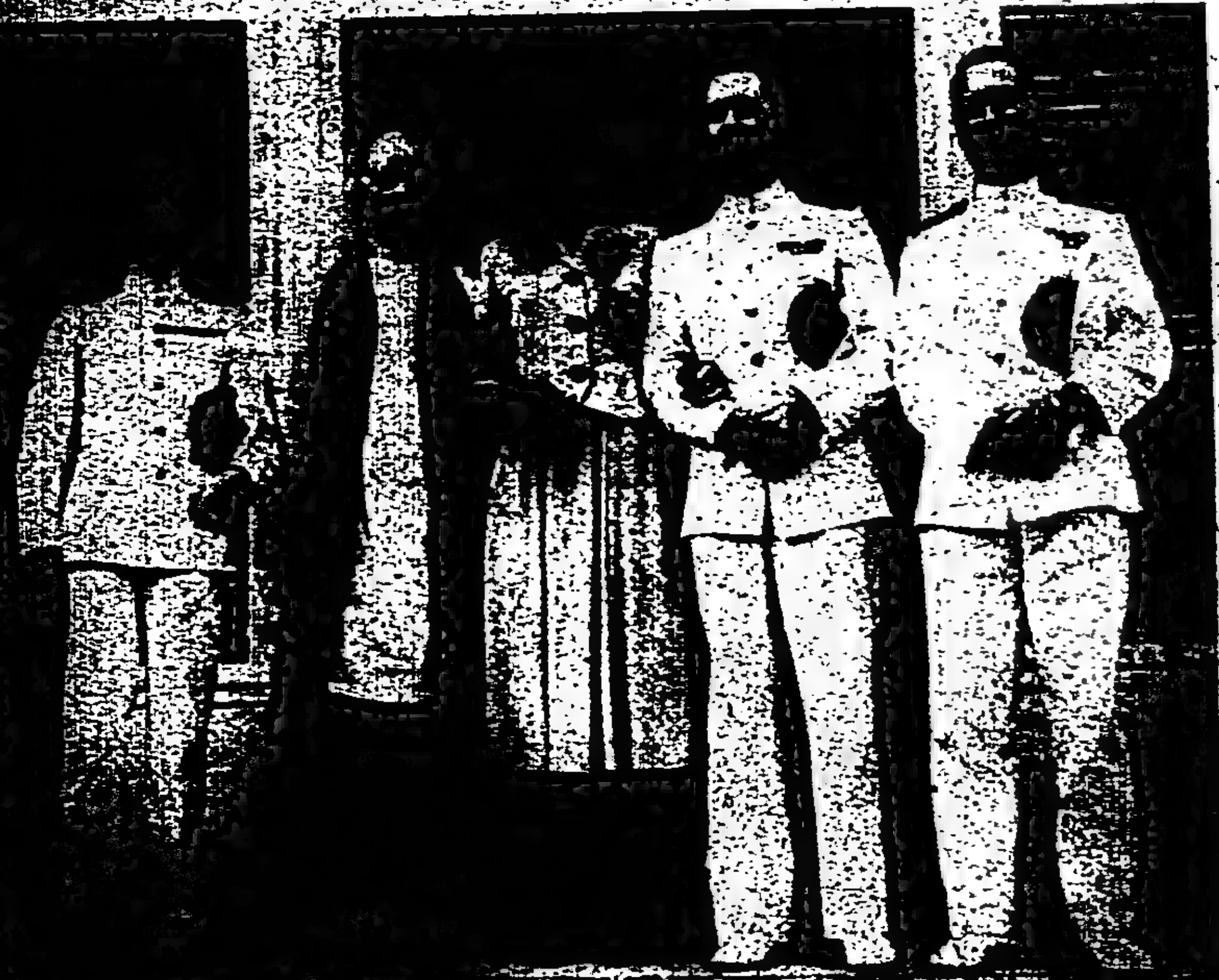
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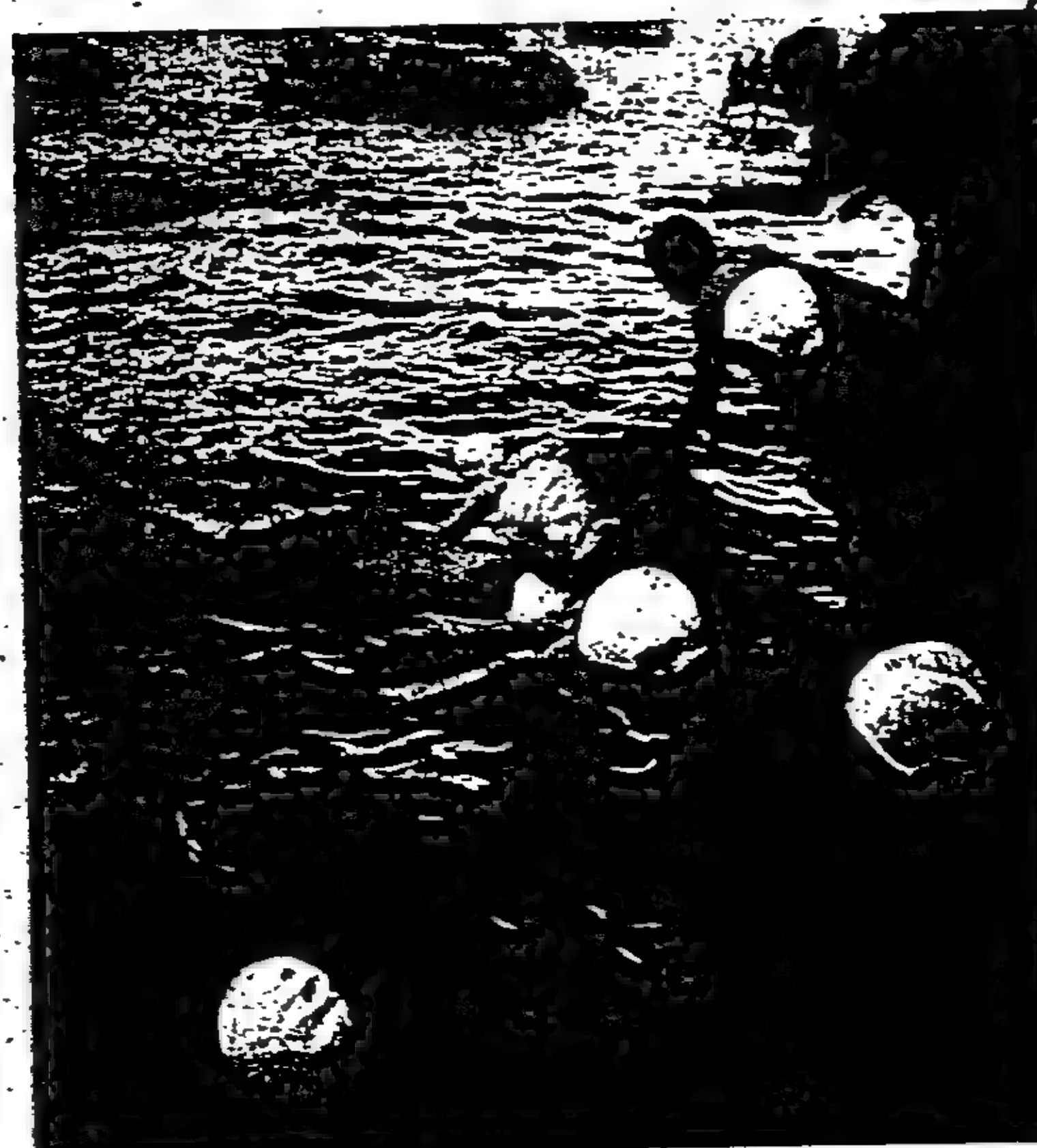
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The start of the harbour race from the Railway Pier, Kowloon. Away in the dive is Joan Eager, on her right; her sister Cynthia. On Joan's left is Nicola Penaluna just about to start.



Nicola Penaluna eight-year-old receiving special prize for her wonderful effort in completing the course.

Mr. Chan Chun-nam, the Harbour King, receiving his prize after winning the harbour race in 23:15.4.

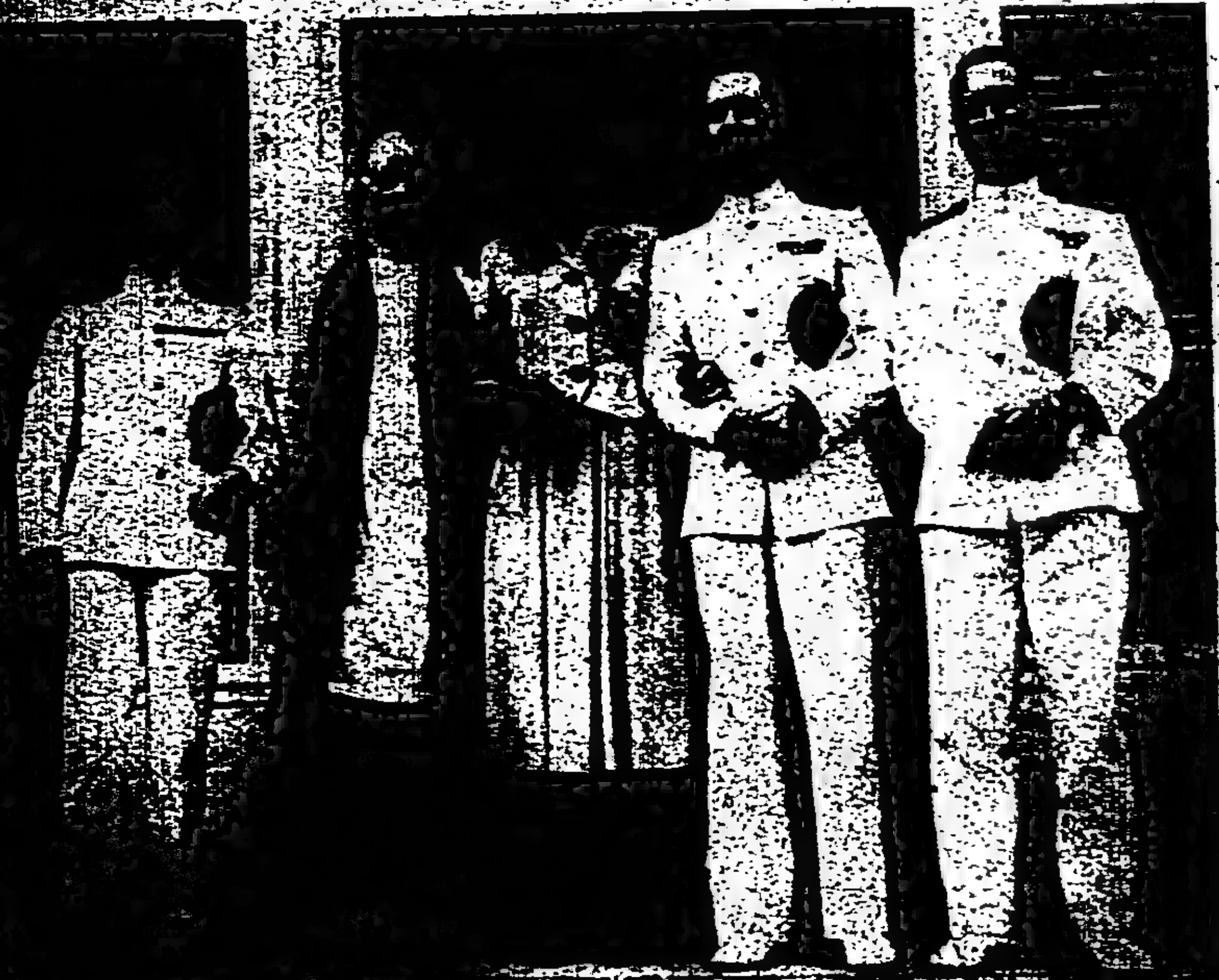


Wong Yuk-ping, aged 14, of Lei Tsun who won comfortably from the other six girls in the race.

A short time after the start of the harbour race, swimmers spreading out, each taking to their course for the swim across.



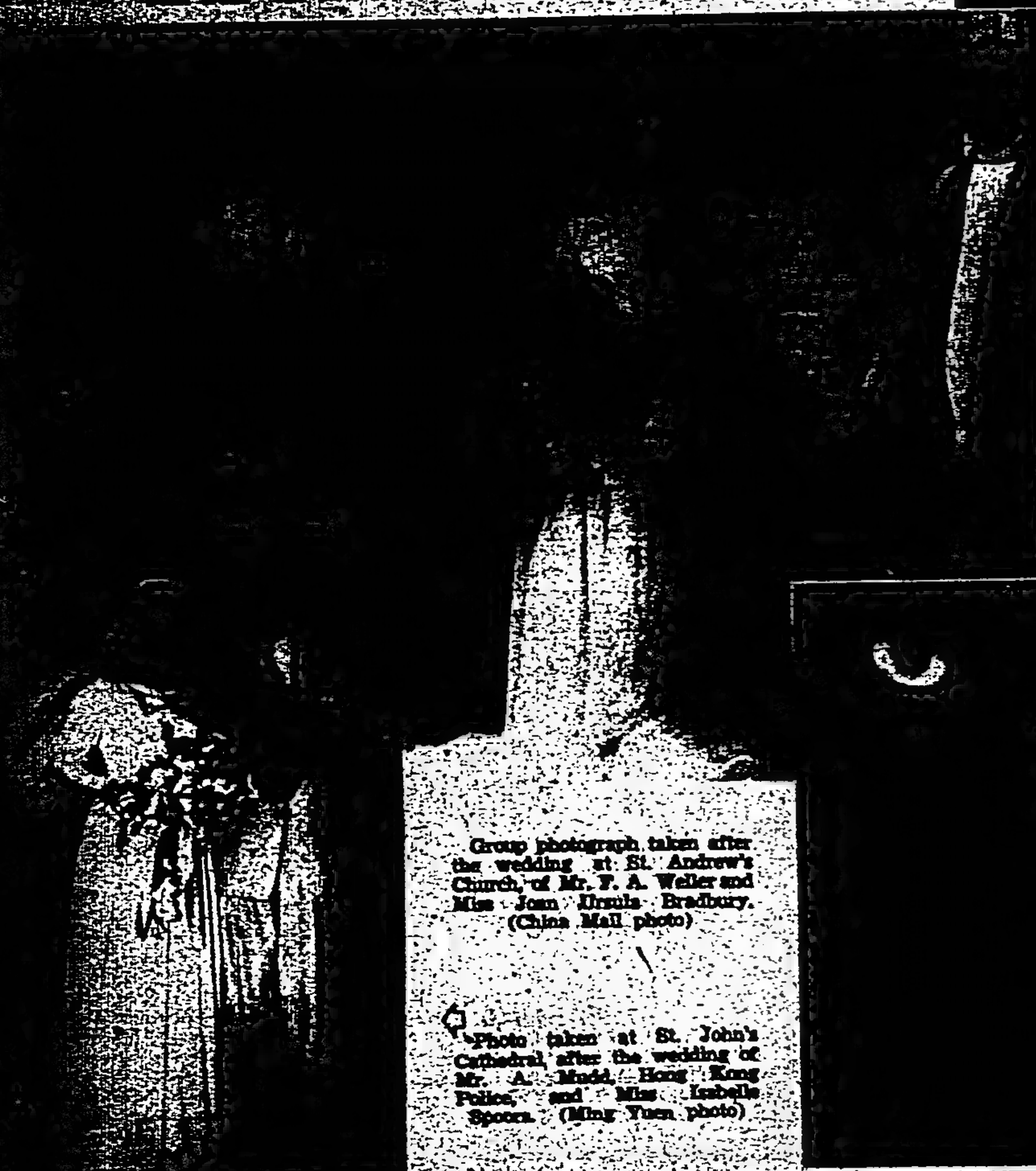
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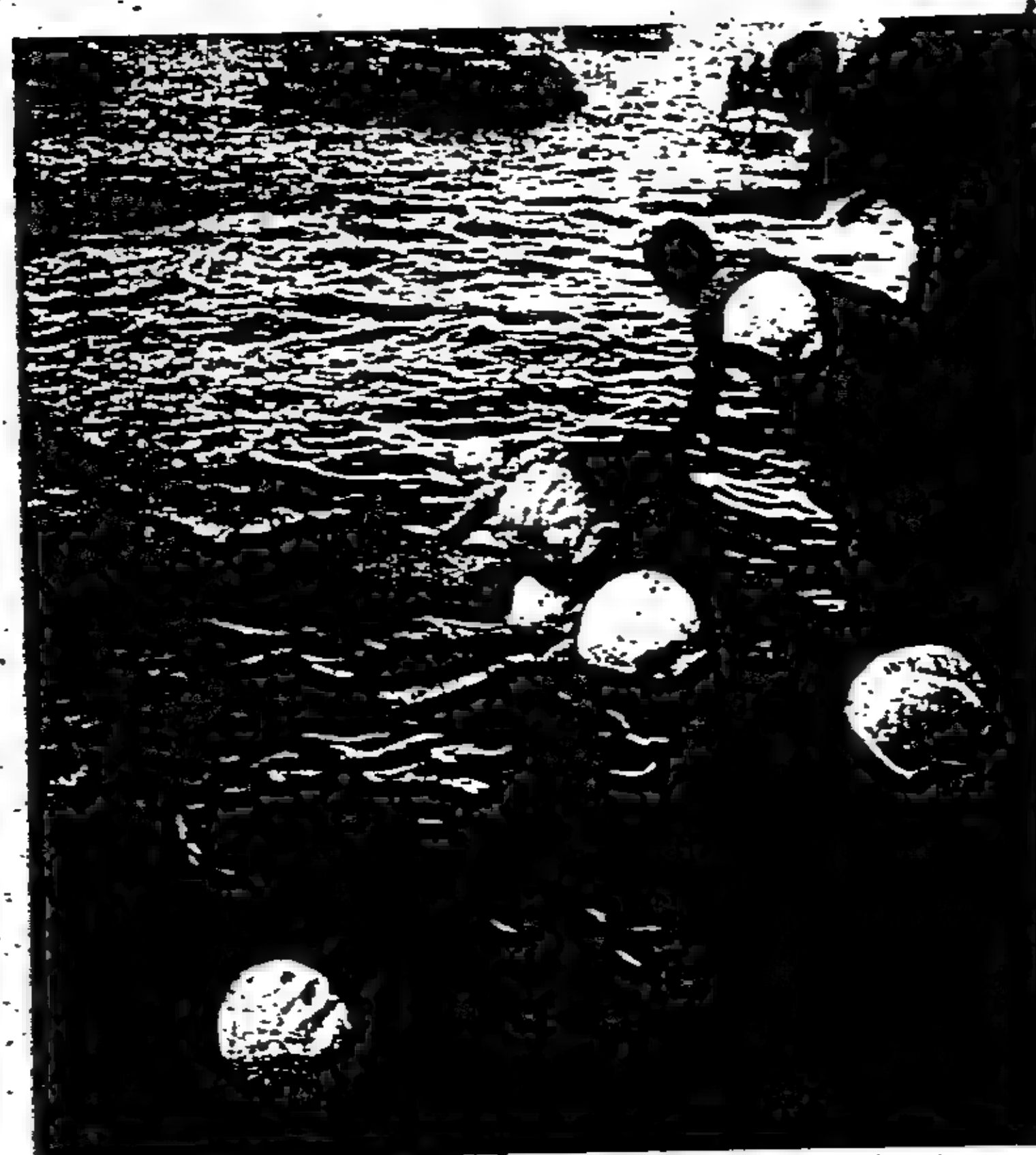
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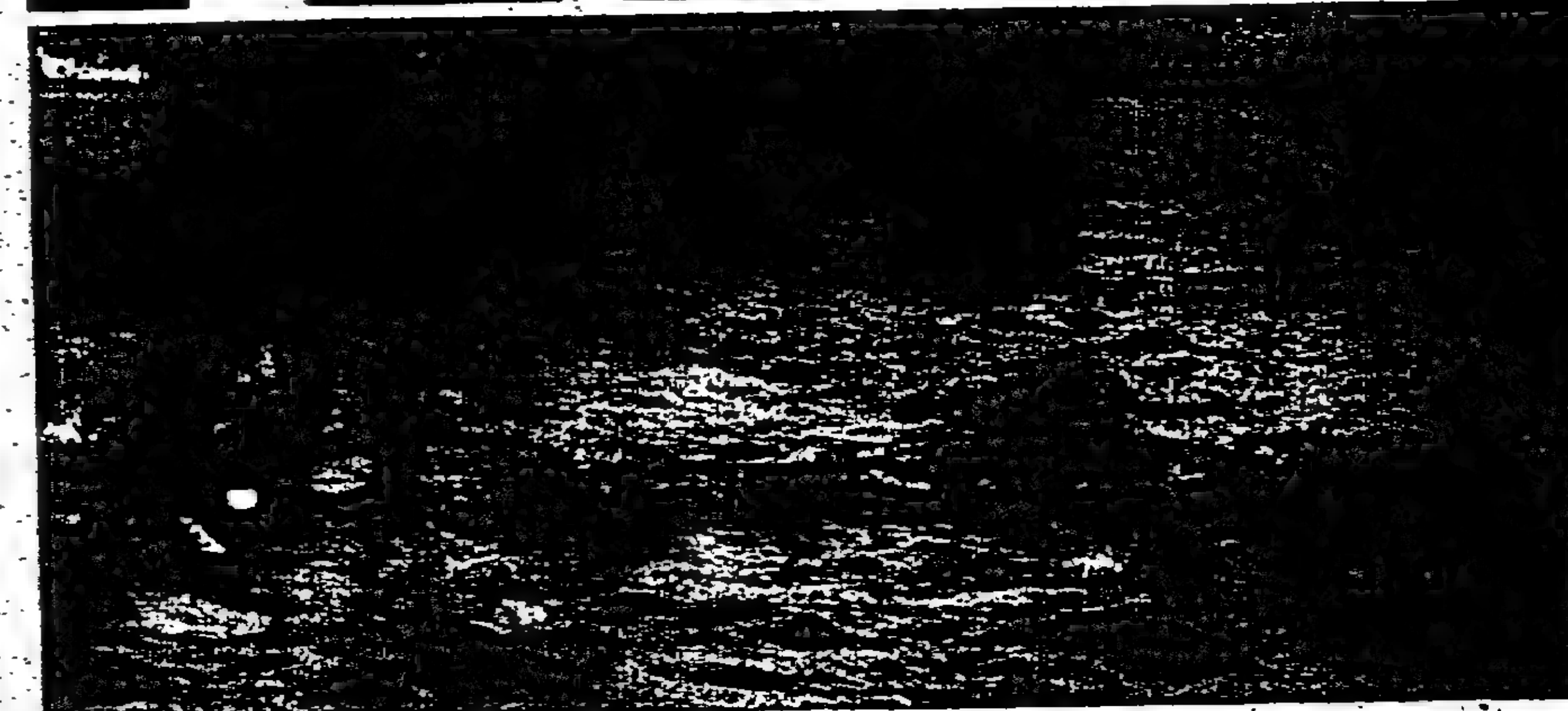


Nicola Penaluna eight-year-old receiving special prize for her wonderful effort in completing the course.

Mr. Chan Chun-nam, the Harbour King, receiving his prize after winning the harbour race in 23:15.4.



Wong Yuk-ping, aged 14, of Lei Tsun who won comfortably from the other six girls in the race.



A short time after the start of the harbour race, swimmers spreading out, each taking to their course for the swim across.



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Sammy Boy Detective

By MARIE MARSHALL

THE ELEPHANT THAT FORGOT

PART XI.

Rob did not answer Dickie. Exactly why he thought he might need a policeman he did not know. Yet somehow he felt events were leading somewhere. Why the Rutherford boy had come to the circus—at first furiously and then openly—he could not tell. Of one thing he felt sure, and that was that the elephant had sensed danger.

Before the matinee was over the strange behavior of the elephant in the ring was the talk of the whole district, and long before the evening performance was due, the story had reached amazing lengths.

Rob did one or two jobs for Aunt Rose and then went home to dinner where he told his parents the true story.

"We heard the elephant went crazy and picked up a boy in his trunk and flung him to the ground," said Mrs. Pearce, greatly relieved on hearing the facts. "Rob, keep away from the circus! It might happen some other time."

"Please, mum, let me go on until I've solved the mystery," pleaded Rob.

"What mystery?" demanded his father, at the top of the table.

Rob hesitated. He knew it all sounded very fantastic. "Oh, there's an elephant that someone's trying to steal," he replied vaguely. "Little Abdullah, who owns the elephant, is sure some harm will come to the animal—and to his old lion, Rajah."

"Utter nonsense!" And with that Mr. Pearce went on eating. "Why, Rob, just because you want to be a detective you must not go round thinking there's mystery in every circus that comes along. Forget about the circus for the rest of the week-end."

But Rob found that he could not forget the circus, and next morning early after promising his mother not to take on any more jobs, he strolled down to the enclosure.

Everything seemed strangely quiet. He expected to see the circus hands busy at their tasks among the tents and waggon, but not one person was in sight.

Puzzled, Rob walked from tent to tent. Then he stopped in front of Rajah's cage. The old lion was walking up and down, pausing every few seconds to give a loud roar.

"So you've come back!" said a voice. Rob recognised as Aunt Rose's.

He turned round and was surprised to find the gipsy woman holding a handkerchief to her eyes.

"I just came along," began Rob. "Is there anything wrong?"

For once those ornamented earrings were still. Aunt Rose seemed to be another person. All her lively spirit had gone.

"It's the elephant," she replied with a catch in her voice. "He must have been sick yesterday when he played up. They say elephants know when these things are going to happen. She broke off and held her handkerchief vigorously. "He was a wonderful pet to everybody. I don't know what Little Abdullah will do. He's gone and shut himself up in the caravan. He just can't bear to be there."

"So the elephant isn't dead?" asked Rob, and there was a ring of hope in his voice. "Didn't you get the vet?"

"Can't get one for miles around. We've been everywhere. The

two in the district aren't at home."

"Send someone over to the police station. Dickie Wilson's father is in charge. They may be able to help. Dickie's father will do everything to help. I'm sure he will. Can I have a look at the elephant?"

"Come on, then." Aunt Rose, now weeping loudly, walked beside Rob to the elephant's enclosure. Here Rob found the circus hands. Hopelessly, they stood around, gazing at the huge, prostrate form of the elephant.

Aunt Rose said something to a couple of boys who left the enclosure. Rob guessed she had told them to go to the police station.

Rob had not known the elephant as the others had known him, but he felt a lump in his throat as he stared at the animal, so big, so helpless.

"Hullo, old boy!" cried Rob, approaching the animal's head. "What's the matter, old boy? Up! Up! Up!"

There was not the slightest movement, from that amazing trunk.

(To be continued.)

A BUCCANEER

He stood on the deck of his ship, shouting orders to the crew, 6 feet 5 inches in his sea-boots; he was a giant of a man.

His long black hair was covered with a red turban, and from his protruding ears hung a large pair of gold earrings. Like his hair, his eyebrows were thick and bushy, nearly covering the dark brown eyes which peered from under them. A long scar commenced just below the right eye, and disappeared into the thick black beard.

A black coat, with gold buttons down the front hung loosely from his broad shoulders. There was a wide leather belt round his waist and from it hung a large sword, on the hilt which his left hand seemed to be always resting. His hands were large and looked as if they were used to hard work. He wore a pair of dark trousers, which were tucked into a pair of high sea-boots.

His voice was like the bellow of a bull, he was courteous to women, but any man who angered him would soon regret it, for he was an expert with both word and pistol, and was always to be found in the midst of a fight. It can be said that he was a good leader, and a man with not a little courage.

Honour certificate to W. Arthur Calvert, aged 14, H.Q. HKVD Corps, Garden Rd. Hong Kong.

Little Brown Filly

"Come on, come on, the little brown filly."

"Come one, come one, Hill Bill Billy."

These were the cheers at the races.

As Hill Bill Billy looked at their eager faces.

He was the favourite and expected to come first.

Beating last year's winner Bahurst.

Only two more Laps to go and in the front was Reeding.

Another hedge to jump, he fell and came up bleeding.

Half a lap to go and Hill Bill put on speed.

And flashed past the finishing line in the lead.

Honour certificate to R.C. Kemp, 14c Hillwood Road, top floor, Kowloon.

What You Would Have Worn

1825—1850

GIRLS: You are still wearing pantaloons, though now they are not so frilly. Your dresses are about the middle of your calf and they are almost bell shaped, with very narrow waists and full padded skirts. Your dresses are very attractive, with trimmings of fur and lace. Instead of wearing caps as you did 25 years ago, you now have really lovely bonnets with almost the entire garden on top.

BOYS: You are still wearing leg o' mutton sleeves, but the jackets are almost down to your knees. The collar of your jacket is very wide and trimmed with lace. Your trousers are still tight fitting and leaving your shoes very much exposed.

Almost everyone likes to wear an unbelievably large tam-o'-shanter style hat. If you don't care for this type of hat, then you can wear one like a chimney pot.

PEN PAL WANTED

Who would like to write to a girl in Australia who is interested in stamps, pictures, and sports?

Ronald Chen of Kowloon tells me that Glennis Samuel, aged 13, would like to write to someone in Hong Kong.

I am always receiving letters from people asking for pen friends in another country so I hope someone writes to her.

Glennis' address is 34 South Parade, Campsie, New South Wales, Australia.

She Didn't Know How

Young Annie, who was an enthusiastic novice in art, had returned from a trip to the country bringing many rural canvases. Examining these a friend made an interesting discovery; whenever Annie painted cows, she showed them standing in water. She asked the young artist to explain her fondness for this arrangement.

At first Annie sought to evade

Betty And The Chickens

There was once a little girl called Betty and her father kept a lot of chickens. Sometimes he let them out and they would run round in the garden.

Betty's daddy told her not to chase the chickens but one day when no one was looking, Betty got a stick and began to chase one of the chickens. The chicken was so excited that it flew on to the window ledge and as Betty was going to hit it it flew away and instead of hitting the chicken with the stick she hit the window.

Betty was smacked for breaking the window and she never chased the chickens again.

Midget certificate to Jean Standley, aged 7, of 202 D Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

the question, but when pressed for an answer, wryly explained, "Well, if you must know, I've never learned yet how to paint hoofs!"



WHY THE HASTY PACKING, SISTER?

I'M GOING TO KENTUCKY WITH THE MILES FAMILY. I TOLD YOU I'D FIX IT. I FAKED A LETTER FROM AN IMAGINARY FRIEND, INVITING ME THERE.

WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU GET THERE.... GOING TO LIVE IN AN IMAGINARY HOUSE?

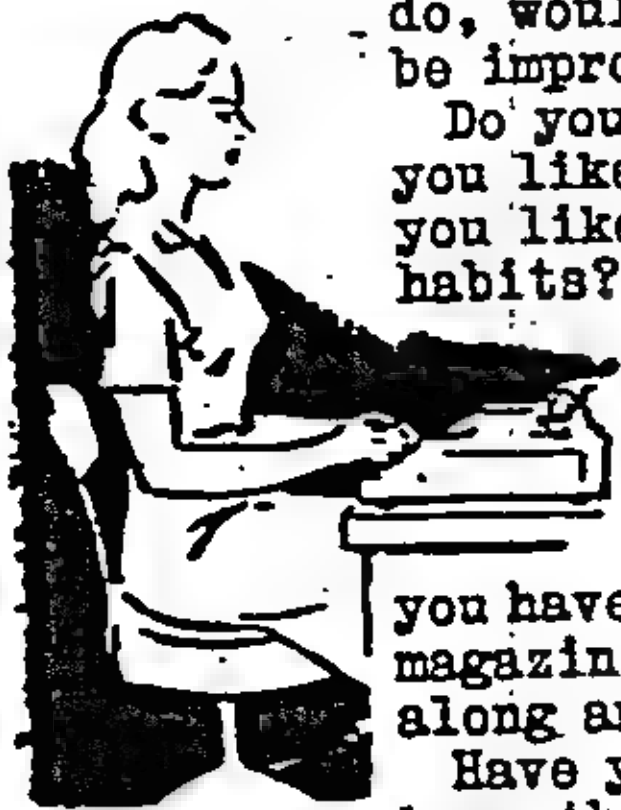
LISTEN, BROTHER, DEAR... QUENTIN MILES IS GOING TO NEED A WOMAN'S TOUCH, FIXING UP THAT NEW HOUSE. THAT WOMAN'S TOUCH IS GOING TO BE MINE.

IN A WEEK I'LL HAVE HIM BELIEVING HE CAN'T RUN IT WITHOUT ME.

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Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...



Do you think the Children's Herald could be improved? If you do, would you like to write and tell me in what way it could be improved?

Do you think there should be more puzzles (or less)? Would you like more facts, do you like animals and if you do, would you like to learn about the different types there are and their habits? I should be very interested to know what you think and what you would like. After all, this is your paper. You write the majority of the stories and articles that are printed and help to make the paper interesting, so you should tell me what you want to read.

Maybe you would like some more competitions and maybe you have some marvelous ideas stored up in your head. If you have magazines with puzzles in that you like, why not send the idea along and let the other Heralders enjoy them too?

Have you any new ideas for a series of articles like "Did you know this?" and the other articles we have on the front page? Happy Days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Did You Know This?

Every 38 seconds fire breaks out in the United States. Every 2 minutes an American dwelling catches fire. Every 50 minutes a person dies in a fire or from burns.

The red and white barber pole dates back to the middle ages when a barber was also the town surgeon. The spiral red and white stripes represent a bandage with which the barber-surgeon wrapped his patient after "blood-letting."

WORD WISDOM

Oubliette (oobliet) a dungeon in a castle or prison reached from a room above by a trap-door.

Plunderage (plunderij) goods embezzled from on board a ship.

Portent (portent) a sign or omen of things to happen in the future.

Rampage (rampaj) to behave in an excited and turbulent manner.

Rectify (rektify) to make straight or to correct and make amends.

Intervene (intervene) to interrupt or come between something or somebody.

Quotation Cuts

Little Lamb, who made thee?

Does thou know who made thee?

Gave thee life, and bled thee feed,

By the stream, o'er the mead,

Gave thee clothing of delight,

Softest clothing, woolly, bright,

Gave thee such a tender voice,

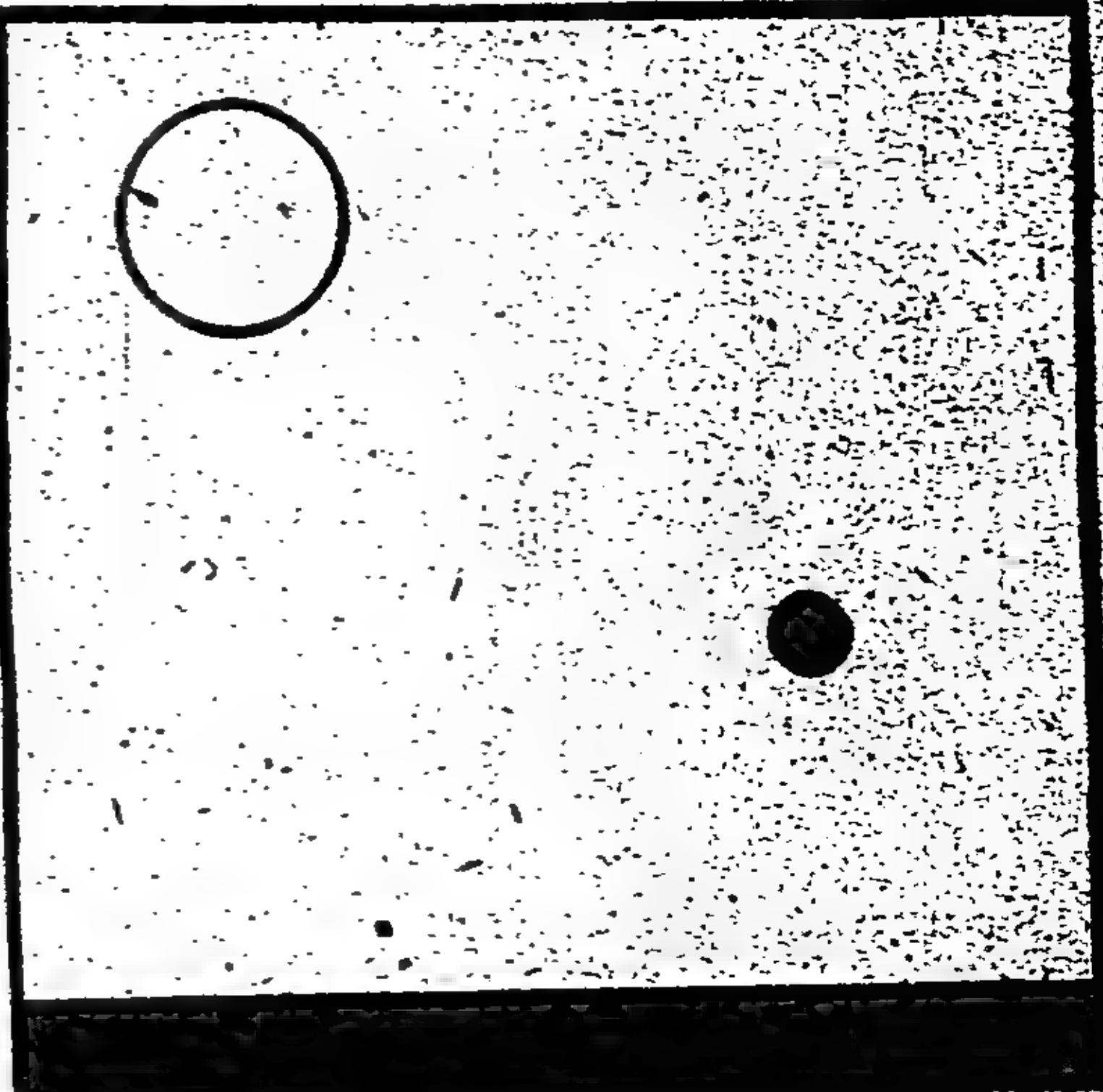
Making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, who made thee?

Doesst thou know who made thee?

The Lamb, by William Blake.

PICTURE COMPETITION



This week we are going to have another picture competition as it seemed to be very popular last time.

The picture you see above is only a circle and a dot. What can you make from them? You can add anything you like but you must not alter them. When you are quite sure your picture is finished send it along to me, Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Enclose this slip with your entry and mark the left hand corner of your envelope "Competition."

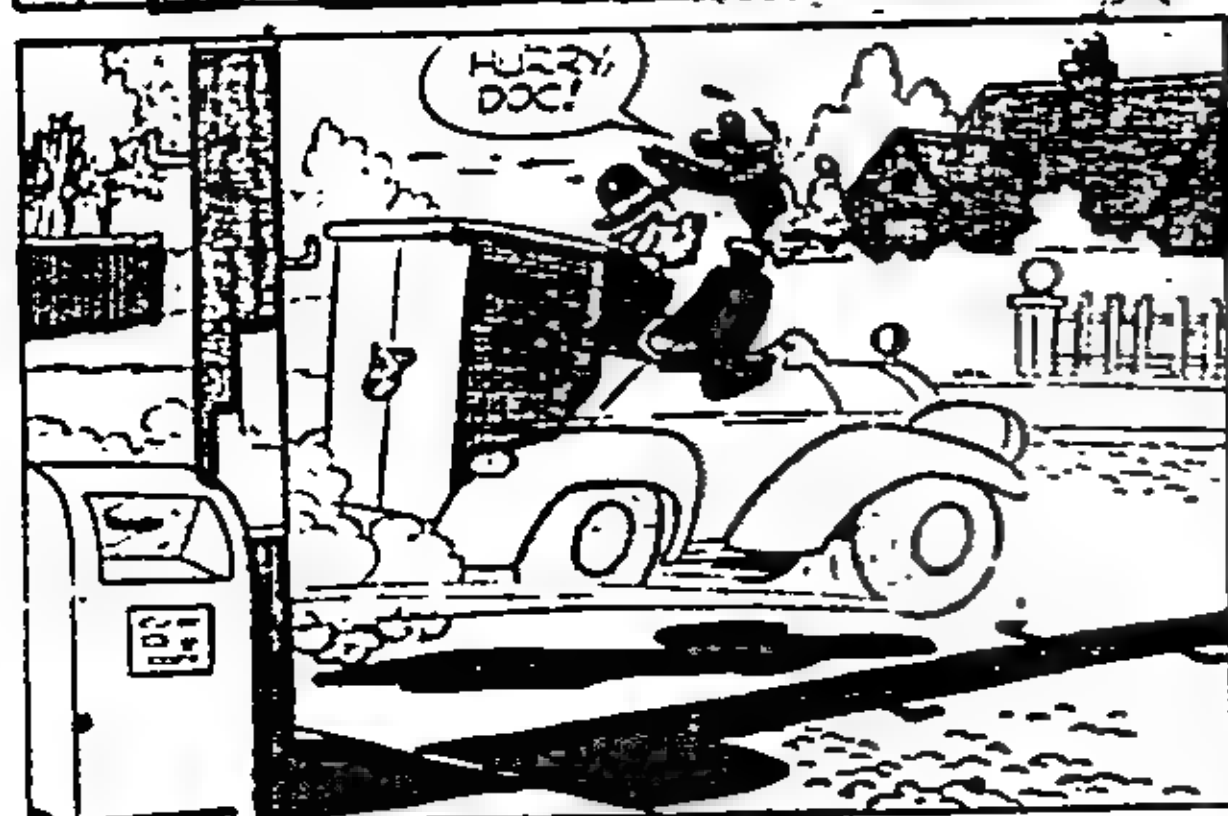
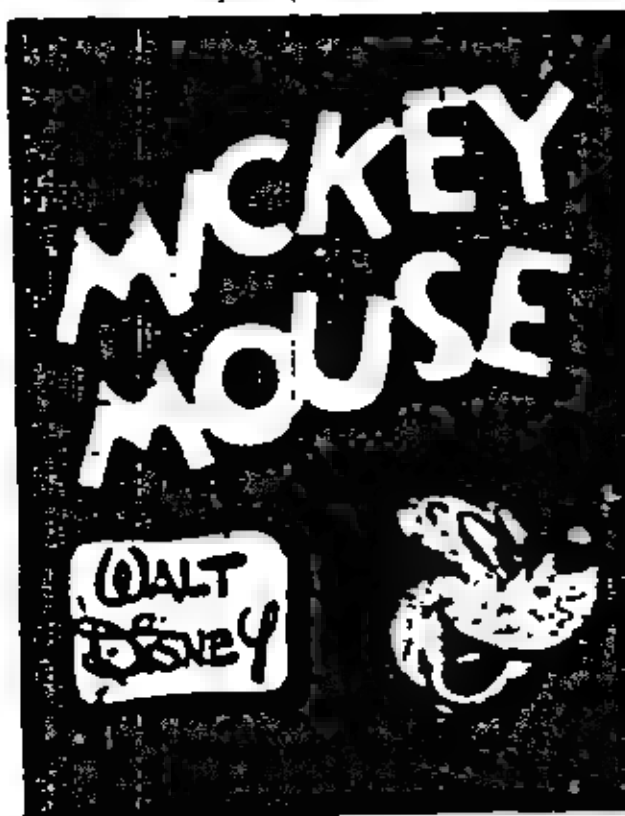
The closing date for your entry is November 5. So you have five days to complete your picture.

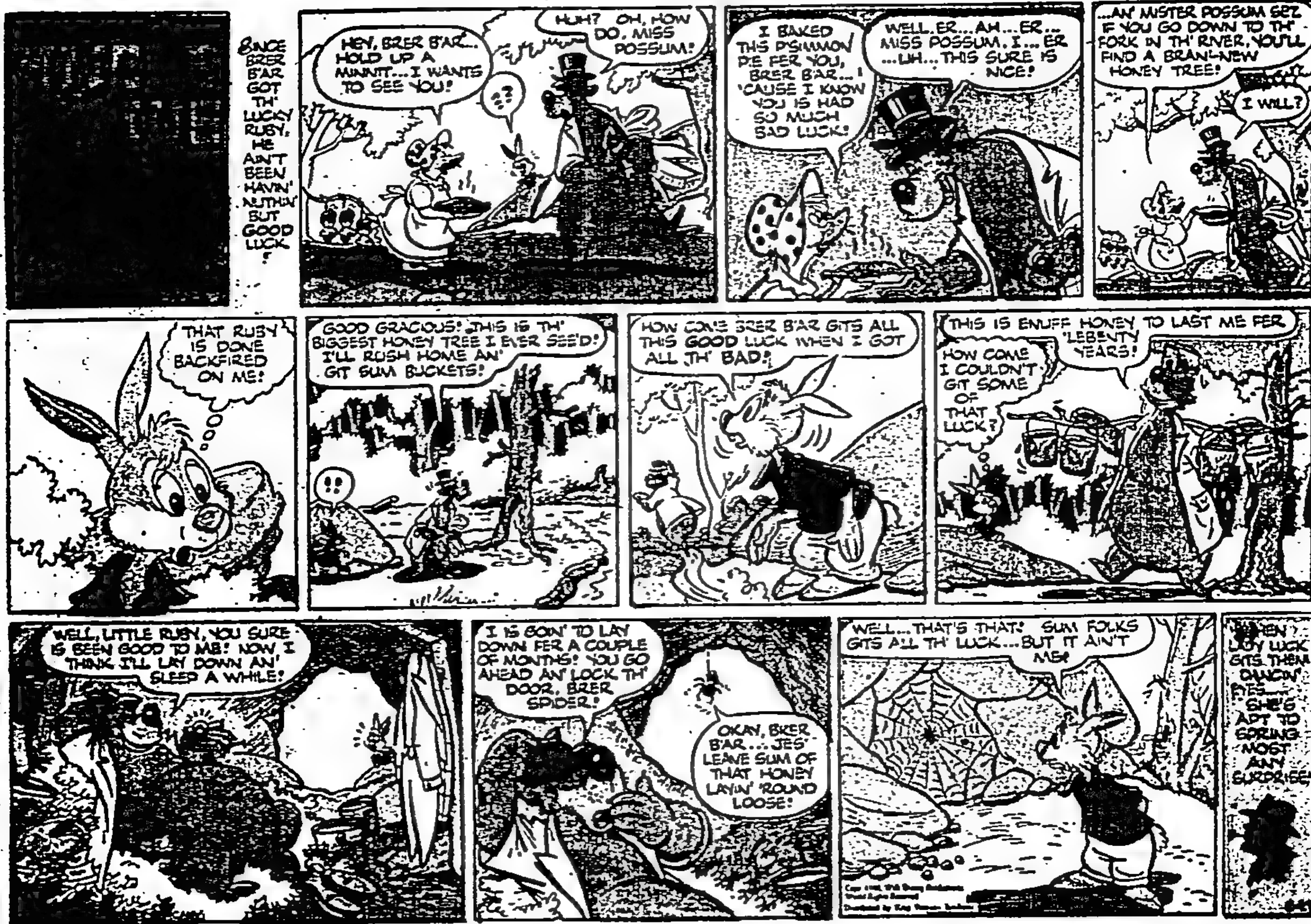
First prize will be \$10, second prize \$7, and the third prize \$5. There will be three certificates as consolation prizes.

NAME

ADDRESS

AGE





THE COWARD

Once upon a time there were two children, a boy and a girl, who were twins. The girl was called Coralie and the boy was called Robert.

They were both boarders in a school and they played together. Now Coralie played with all the girls and boys in the school but Robby was always afraid of everybody. He was even afraid of his own shadow. All the boys called him a coward and the girls would have nothing to do with him. He was sad and lonely as he had no one to play with except his sister. When it was time for drill he would run away and hide, but the boys would come and find him. Even when the P. T. teacher threw him the ball he was afraid of it and he would run away crying.

One day he and his sister were playing together when four boys came along and started pulling

Coralie's hair and they called Robby a sissy. He was very frightened, but when he saw another two boys come and join the other boys pulling Coralie's hair he forgot to be afraid and he jumped on the six boys and began to punch them. The other boys tried to make him stop, but they couldn't and he soon had them crying to him to stop.

He had won the fight! Then one of the boys told him that they had not really hurt Coralie and that it was her idea to make him stop being afraid.

All the other children had gathered round when they saw Robby fighting and when he had won they were all very friendly, and from that day he was friends with everyone and he was no longer a coward.

Honour certificate to Patricia Bush of 251 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

The Beggar And The Musician

In one of the streets in Vienna a blind beggar used to play upon a violin and his dog would sit holding a cap, beside him.

One night he had been playing a long time and no one had given him any money. He feared that he would have no supper that night. After a while a gentleman passed by and he said to the beggar, "I know you are very tired because you have been playing a long time. Give your violin to me and I will play for you." So the beggar gave his violin to the gentleman.

The gentleman took the violin and tuned it. Then he began to play and before he had played many notes a large crowd came to listen to him.

When the musician had stopped the people threw money into the cap which was soon so heavy that the dog could hardly hold it.

The beggar then learned that man was the greatest musician in Vienna.

This story was sent in by Arthur Hamid who had it read to him at school, and he thought the other readers of the Children's Herald would like to read it also. Thanks, Arthur.

Faithful Dog

MEDFORD, Massachusetts — The steadiest visitor at Lawrence Memorial Hospital barks at the door instead of knocking.

The caller is Gal, a six-year-old German shepherd seeing-eye dog. Gal makes daily visits to her blind mistress, Dr. Muriel Anderson, 52, a physician from David City.

Inseparable for five years, Gal and Dr. Anderson were parted temporarily when the woman was struck by a truck while visiting friends in Medford.

Despite Dr. Anderson's long hospitalisation with a fractured

Mickey Mouse



Honour certificate to Bing Wong, aged 10, of Stone Manner, Sassoon Road, Hong Kong.

Sort Out These Jumbled Words

If you go to England for a holiday you will most likely visit some of these towns. They are all jumbled up, see if you can sort them out. If you cannot find them all then turn the page up side down.

(1). Nnoold, (2). Pthsoo-nuamt, (3). Vpooelri, (4). Htiro-nog, (5). Ffeilshd, (6). Reethsmnac, (7). Desel, (8). Citneews, (9). Ythploum, (10). Tstthmoorpu.

mouth, Portsmouth, London, Southampton, Liverpool, Birmingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Plymouth.

Jumbled Words Answers

leg and hip, Gal never failed her blind mistress. The dog eats and sleeps at the home of Dr. Anderson's friends.—United Press.

An Exciting Race

Bill Ford and his friend Bob Taylor were busy making a motor boat which they were going to call the Seabird. In two months the Terakoo Cup race was to take place and Bill and Bob were determined to win.

By constantly saving their pocket money and tips they had managed to buy a second-hand boat engine. Bob knew quite a lot about engines and was forever trying to fix it, until at last he was convinced that he had done so.

They put the engine into the frame and painted it up until it looked really smart. By the time it was completed, the race was only a week off. They gave the boat a try out in the harbour and then waited impatiently for the great day.

The day of the race the boys were very excited, and at three minutes to three Bill started the engine and with Bill beside him, he moved into the starting line.

There was deathly silence as the starter's flag went down and the race was on!

There was a roar of engines and all the boats got off to a per-

fect start. The boys found that the Seabird was in fourth position and as there was still a mile to the winning buoy the lads were content to keep her in that place.

As they neared the buoy, they overtook the boat immediately in front. Now they were catching up with the second boat and with a terrific roar the Seabird flashed past. There was only about half a mile to the finishing post. The two boats in the lead were giving everything they had in an attempt to win.

Suddenly the Seabird was level with the leading boat and then it was overtaking, bit by bit and with a final burst of speed the Seabird completely overtook the other boat and went on to finish first with ten yards to spare.

That night the two boys were as proud as anyone could be.

Honour certificate to James Adams, of 16 Stanley Terrace Quarry Bay, Hong Kong.

THE PLAN

Once there was a crowd of boys playing football when suddenly the ball rolled into a hole. They did not know what to do.

Some boys tried to put their hands down inside the hole but it was too deep. Then some of them tried to use a long stick to get it out, but the ball only came to the side of the hole and then rolled back again.

They all tried to get it out, but no one succeeded and it seemed hopeless. One silly boy wanted to use a hook and fish out the ball, but the others stopped him.

One of the boys called John at last thought of a plan. He took a pail of water and poured it into the hole and the ball floated out. The boys were then able to carry on with their game.

Honour certificate to Gordon Cheung of 24 Yick Yam Street (First Floor), Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

An Adventure

One day I was out taking my usual morning walk when an enormous animal sprang out from behind a tree.

I was so frightened I stood still until I realised I was in great danger. I ran behind a tree but the terrible creature followed me. I ran as fast as I could until I came to a field that was near my home.

At last I saw a tunnel and I ran on until I reached the tunnel and then I dashed inside. I knew that I was safe and the awful creature could not reach me, because, you see, I am a mouse!

Honour certificate to Anne Robbins of Flat 3 East Pier, Stonecutters, Hong Kong

PIGMY CARTOON



"You'd think it was my fault
we had a power cut while I was
shaving him!"



Watch it daily
GROW more lovely

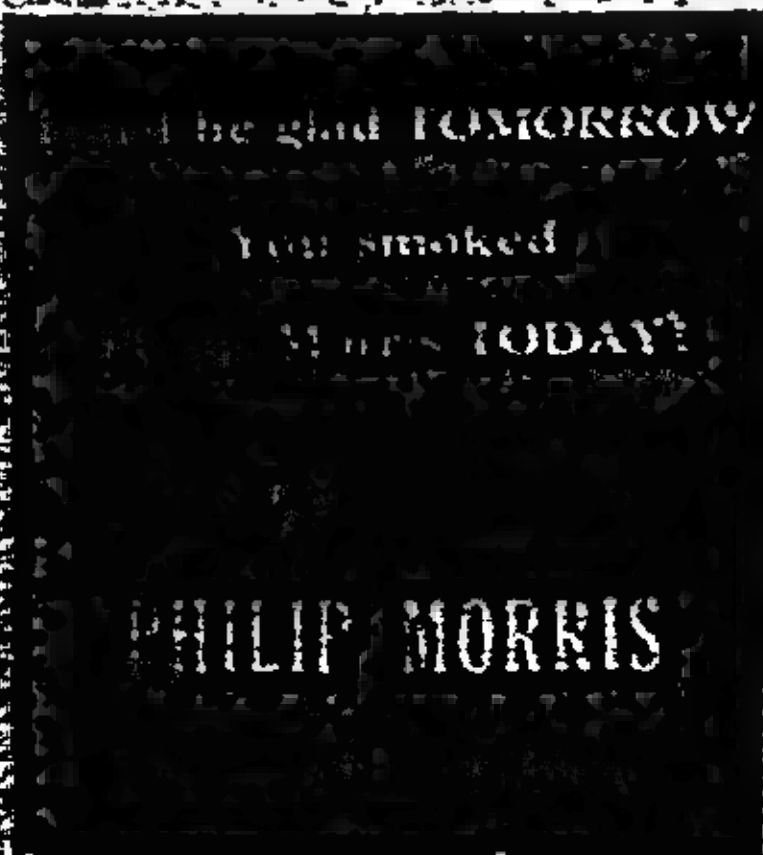
Fed by Silvikrin, smiling hair beauty grows on you—right from the roots. Day by day you can see the difference. No more dandruff on your shoulders; no more lost hair in your comb. The secret is Silvikrin contains Cystine, Tyrosine, Tryptophane and other elements which make hair grow thick, lustrous and buoyantly healthy. For persistent dandruff you need Pure Silvikrin; and as a daily anti-dandruff tonic and beautifier, Silvikrin Lotion.

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From all Chemists, Hairdressers and Stores
BIRMINGHAM, LONDON, N.10, ENGLAND



Variety Fare

BY WAY OF MEMORY

TO indulge in reminiscence is a pleasant occupation made all the sweeter by the passage of years. A painting, a book, or play, or a city may open up memory's vein for some. For others, music may be the means whereby the present is outlawed temporarily by memories of the past.

The means by which memories are conjured up must always be a matter of individuality, and will vary from time to time according to the circumstances as they were. With music, however, I feel there is a particularly sympathetic characteristic which renders it the ideal medium for indulgence in things gone by. "The years that the locust has eaten" may or may not be true, but a pleasant memory can do much to eradicate the unhappy or wasted periods.

MY first memory of music must have been when I was perhaps about six, an unwilling but subservient attendant at Sunday School. It so happened I sat near the organ, and I well remember how the keyboard and impressive array of stops fascinated me. They still do, for that matter.

At the more mature age of ten or thereabouts, I recall my first hearing of "The Messiah". I cannot truthfully say it made any impression on me (probably boredom) but whenever I hear that oratorio now, memory takes me back over the years to that performance of my boyhood days. To my own way of thinking, "The Messiah" is the greatest musical conception existing, even excluding Beethoven's Choral Symphony and Elgar's "Apostles". There will be many, I know, who will disagree and will plunge into technical analysis of this, that and the other to prove how grossly ignorant I am. The cold fact remains, however, that personally I find "The Messiah"—every chapter and verse of it, if my metaphor is not too mixed—the most thrilling of all music I know. Whilst the chorus work can make or mar its performance, does any other Oratorio give the soloists such equal chance to shine as the "Messiah?" I think not.

FURTHER along the path of musical memory, I recall vividly hearing Kreisler play the Mendelssohn Concerto at Bournemouth way back in the 30's. However much Kreisler may have departed at time from the orthodox, he was always a supreme artiste, and this music ranks for me along with the best ever written for the fiddle. The lovely Andante in the second movement is typical of the sensuous charm with which Mendelssohn invested his "Songs without words."

The page of memory turns again to the Albert Hall, where I heard, amongst others, Gigli, Toti dal Mante, McCormack, Schnabel, Menuhin and Suggia. For many concert-goers, the Albert Hall must be replete with musical memories. The Queen's Hall, home of the Proms, was blasted by the Hun in 1941, but by some fortunate chance the even larger target of the Albert Hall went unscathed. Although the acoustics are not all that could be wished, the Albert Hall today is the shrine of music in London.

DURING the War years, Dame Myra Hess instituted a series of lunch-time Concerts in the National Gallery. Although unhappily, I was never able to attend these, the vast audiences which crammed the Gallery to overflowing, spoke volumes for the quality of the music performed.

More recently still, memory takes me back to the quiet Hampshire Downs, on a perfect summer's evening. I recall the voice of Isobel Baillie singing "Oh Sleep, why dost thou leave me?" from Handel's "Semele." A lovelier record of this Handelian gem I do not know, but it will always recall for me that quiet garden and the stillness of the night.

PERHAPS it is not good to go too far with memories such as these, since the past, I feel, compares favourably with the unsettled present. Be that as it may, it is good to halt occasionally on the swift-running tide of modern times and to indulge in retrospective rumination of by-gone days. If one feels that "those were the days" indeed, so much worse for a World which today cannot offer the pleasures of the past.

SUNDAY

AN innovation in tonight's programmes occurs at 9.05 p.m., when instead of the normal Symphony, there is to be a Symphony Concert in two parts, the second part being on the air at 10.16 after the London news.

Part I consists of:—

Overture to "Alceste"	—Gluck
Concerto Grosso	—Vivaldi
"Lorelei"	—Mendelssohn
Symphonic No. 6.	—Schubert

Part II

Pianoforte Concerto —Bliss

An interesting and varied bill of fare, the chief offering being, I feel, Schubert's No. 6. The overwhelming popularity of his Unfinished Symphony tends to submerge the later works in its all-embracing shadow. Whilst it is readily admitted the Unfinished has achieved its popularity on its own merits, it is an unhappy circumstance that Schubert's later Symphonies do not stand out in greater relief. In the No. 6 Schubert displays a more mature idiom that is the case in the earlier live works. As always with Schubert, melodies chase each other with incredible rapidity, the whole work being a Symphony of true Schubertian beauty.

The Vivaldi Concerto is also a work to be heard with attention. With Corelli, Vivaldi, was the "founder" of the Concerto, and it was the intrinsic worth of his music in this form that persuaded J. S. Bach to pursue it further, resulting in the Brandenburg series. Handel, too, was a devotee of this music-form, and he, like Bach, based his compositions on the principles so ably expounded by Vivaldi.

MONDAY

AT 9.30 p.m. to-morrow there is a further London Playhouse of the production of the film "Quiet Weekend." The stage play I recall seeing in England, and I regard it as one of the best light comedies ever produced in the West End. It ran for some two years, I believe, and Esther McCracken, the authoress, achieved the unusual success of having a further play "Quiet Wedding" running concurrently. I did not see the film, shown in the Colony some months ago now, but I recall Derek Farr and Frank Cellier were in the cast. This feature should make happy hearing.

At 10.16 by way of some contrast, there is to be a selection of Puccini's operatic music. His death in 1925 has left a so-far unfilled place in this realm. He seems, to my mind, to have been the last of that long line of Italian Composers, comprising Verdi, Mascagni and Leoncavallo. Even of these three, Mascagni is remembered only for Cavalleria Rusticana whilst Leoncavallo achieved nothing to equal "Il Pagliacci" in popularity. Puccini, as with Verdi, emphasises the vocal line in all his scores, although he was more inclined to allow the orchestral accompaniment to assist in the built-up of atmosphere than Verdi. None can deny the oriental flavouring of one-colour in "Turandot" and "Butterfly", the music of which is so strangely contrasted to that of say "Bohème" or "Manon Lescaut."

Be that as it may, this half-hour of Puccini will be worth-while listening, and I hope that further selections from the Puccini store will be dusted and displayed in the near future.

Contributed By "MUSSETTA"

TUESDAY

AT 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday Aileen Woods presents an Anniversary Programme, and since her own birthday is close on the anniversary of her "Stage & Screen Favourites" feature, there is double occasion for congratulation. Aileen has many first-hand connections with stage and screen and her knowledge of this subject is encyclopaedic!

She has, at one time or another, introduced nearly all the newest tunes to Hong Kong, including the scores of "Oklahoma," "Annie Get your Gun," "Song of Love" and "Carnegie Hall."

Her first appearance on the air was when she gave all the records and the story of "The Jolson Story."

AILEEN came to the Colony in 1914 with her mother and sister, and many of the older residents remember them in the City Hall days, when they devoted their time and talent to entertaining Service men. All the old favourites of World War I were introduced to the Colony by the Woods family, and, incidentally, to many other parts of the Orient as well.

Aileen is including in this Anniversary Programme some of these old songs which were so popular in the Colony 20 years ago, and which are still worth hearing today. Whether in 20 years, the songs of World War II will still be remembered remains to be seen, but Aileen's programme will of necessity turn the wheels of memory for many.

Friends and colleagues at Radio Hong Kong join in wishing all the best of success to Aileen Woods and a long-life to her popular programme.

WEDNESDAY

AN unusual feature at 9.15 p.m. on

Wednesday night is a talk by Edward Ward entitled "Focus on Italy." Ward is the well-known B.B.C. correspondent who put over a series of terrific despatches from Helsinki in the early War Days—later toured the Middle East field of operations when Lord Montgomery (then Sir Bernard) was G.O.C. He achieved fame, too, last year for his broadcast on Christmas Day from a light-house at Land's End. He was eventually marooned there by gales for some ten days and now claims to be the first civilian to be that long in a light house!

As a happy thought, immediately following a performance of Tchaikowski's "Capriccio Italiane" is being given, "Strange Harmony of contrasts," as says the librettist of "Tosca!"

THURSDAY

AT 7.30 p.m. on Thursday Philip

Burns presents a feature called "Development of Jazz." The age-old controversy of Classics v Jazz will, I suppose, be ever present. It seems to have diminished a little of late, although I doubt if the bitterness of feeling on the opposing sides is any the less! I feel a principle of 'live and let live' should be applied to this question. Those that enjoy Jazz, let 'em have it, says I. It is futile to deny the high degree of musicianship involved in Dance Music (I except the extreme forms of boogie-woogie which to my idea is as senseless as its name implies) and one must perforce admire the arrangements of the better-class dance-bands. Anyway, there is neither time nor space to enlarge on this topic now, but it is meat for thought.

At 9.30 p.m. Beethoven's "Emperor" Pianoforte Concerto is being given, and this is a "must" feature for all music-lovers.

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Health Page

STATE HOSPITALS MUDDLE

BY MARGERY LAKE

(Acting Organiser of the National Federation of Hospital Officers, a newly formed trade union)

IS the State Hospital Service going to be a success? Everyone is asking this question. Best fitted to answer it are the house governors of our hospitals—those laymen of long experience in hospital administration who manage the day-to-day business of our great institutions and see things from the inside. The answer is that there is not a hospital administrator in the country who is not profoundly pessimistic.

Tight Control

WHEN the plans for State hospitals were first made known there were many doubts as to whether a service of such a human and intimate character could really benefit and improve under the dead hand of State control.

Assurances were promptly given that the regional boards and hospital management committees to be appointed would be given a free hand in the conduct of their affairs; that there would be no regimentation in the service that can only flourish on freedom; and that in no circumstances would our hospital system be allowed to become a great impersonal State machine.

These assurances were accepted. To hospital administrators the future looked more promising. Certainly hospitals would be free from all financial worries; no need to rattle collecting boxes or worry about another penny on the rates; the State was to bear the full cost. It seemed that a great opportunity lay ahead and administrators were prepared to grasp it with both hands.

But what has happened since? From day to day it has become increasingly clear that it is the intention to direct and control the service from Whitehall. Regional boards and hospital management committees are not being allowed the free hand they were promised. They are told what they are to do and how they are to do it.

An attempt is being made to direct and control the service from Whitehall by officials who have no first-hand knowledge of their subject.

Key Posts

It goes without saying that first-class doctors and efficient, well-trained nurses are an essential requisite of a good hospital service, but the work of these two sections is dependent on the administrative organisation that enables them to function. Indeed, the "king-pin" of the hospital set-up is the chief administrative officer.

It follows, as regional boards and hospital management committees well know, that for the key posts in the service only the best and most experienced men would do. But the Ministry has laid down, without consultation with any representative body, salaries for these key posts which are substantially less than responsible hospital officers are already receiving.

The protests of regional boards were turned down. They had to advertise at the salaries. Whitehall had directed. The result is, of course, that in many cases no men of adequate experience applied at all, and boards and management committees have had no option but to appoint unqualified men. Nothing could be more detrimental to the service as a whole.

Since July 5 a spate of Ministerial directives and memoranda has been addressed to hospitals. Common to all of them is a conspicuous lack of any practical knowledge of hospital matters. One such directive announced that administrative and clerical workers in hospitals are to be paid overtime.

To the uninitiated this may not appear unreasonable, but anyone with a knowledge of hospitals would know that it is the pride of the hospital officer that his is a vocation rather than just another job. He enters the service knowing that patients are not sick only from nine to five and that his hours are likely to be as irregular as those of the doctor or the trained nurse. The payment of overtime belittles the status of the hospital officer, and must tend to keep the best type of man and woman from entering the service.

Hospital administrators, too, are alarmed at the growing cost of hospital provision under Ministry control. Boards and management committees are being encouraged to appoint two or three officers, where formerly the work was done adequately by one. Increased junior staff is becoming necessary in hospitals to keep up with the Ministry's demands for filling up forms and making returns.

What is happening is producing an entirely different atmosphere and spirit in our hospitals. Voluntary workers are giving up. Student nurses stage a protest march from Trafalgar-square to Hyde Park. Committees of management are becoming frustrated and disinterested.

A New Union

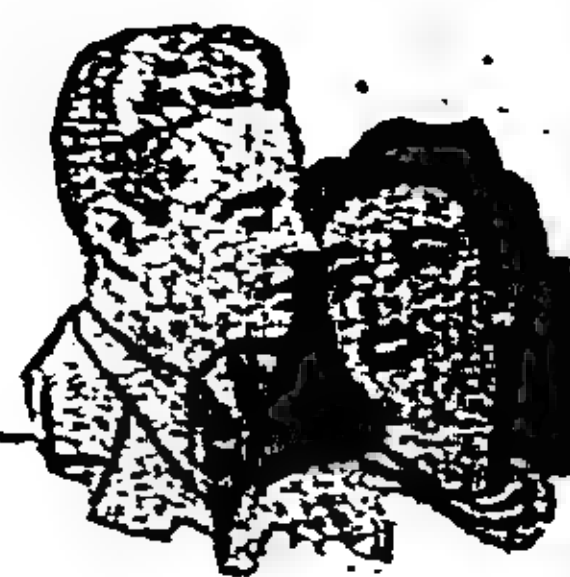
A FEW months ago the bulk of men and women working in hospitals did not feel that hospitals and trade unions could mix. Now hospital officers in their hundreds are joining the National Federation, a new non-political trade union formed to protect their interests and those of the hospitals service.

Before July 5 such a trade union would never have been thought necessary.

And yet it may not be too late. When, in 1939, the Emergency Medical Service was being set up the then Minister appointed a small advisory committee of hospital administrators, all men with practical experience of the job, who really knew what was wanted to provide a good and efficient service.

But for the new hospital service there is no such committee. One must be set up forthwith.

Only thus can our hospital service maintain its high level of the past. It is for the setting-up of this advisory committee that the National Federation of Hospital Officers proposes to press; and the public, who are paying for the service and are entitled to the best service, must support the Federation in its fight.



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Sacred Is A Trust, Ain't It?

THE current spate of film stars disguised as clergymen of all sects—another one cropped up only last Friday—reminds us vaguely of an interview that we granted many years ago to Mr. Goldwyn when we were the film critic of the *Hastings Weekly Bugle*. Or, maybe, we are thinking of Mr. Mayer. Anyway, it was a little dark man in pinstriped trousers.

In those days, of course, moving pictures were still in their infancy and had not reached their present mature state of being in what we often think is their second childhood.

The interview, if we remember rightly—and we rarely do—ran as follows:

MR. GOLDWYN (OR MR. MAYER): Don't you think it would be a wonderful idea, Mr. Norcott, if, just for a change, we were to dress up a film actor as a clergyman? The public are getting rather tired of cowboys.

US: No. We think it would be a terrible idea.

MR. GOLDWYN (OR MR. MAYER): Why?

US: Because a film actor dressed up like a clergyman wouldn't deceive a baby. He would look just like a film actor dressed up like a clergyman.

MR. GOLDWYN (OR MR. MAYER): Let me give you the angle, Mr. Norcott. Suppose that he were to play the part of a very manly, broadminded clergyman? You know, go into low speakeasies and drink a glass of beer with the heels, and reform boys by teaching them to box, and so on. What then?

US: In our view it would still stink.

MR. GOLDWYN (OR MR. MAYER): Ah, but wait, Mr. Norcott. You haven't heard the most brilliant angle of all yet—nothing less than a crooning clergyman who wins everybody's confidence by standing up and fearlessly giving them the old boopity...boop! Wouldn't that be box-office?

US: Not to us it wouldn't.

Well, the upshot of that interview is now film history. Mr. Goldwyn (or Mr. Mayer) returned to Hollywood quite unshaken in his strange belief, and today there is no living film star, with the possible exception of the Marx Brothers and Donald Duck, who in some masterpiece of Technicolor has not completely convinced us that he is just a player dressed up like a clergyman, no matter how divinely he may have sung and danced.

Any questions, Mr. Goldwyn? Any questions, Mr. Mayer?

LANE NORCOTT

Our Serial Story

THE AUSTRALIAN BEST-SELLER THESE ARE MY PEOPLE

By ALAN MARSHALL

The Little Moron remained indifferent to massage and the attention of nurses. Regular X-rays showed very little, if any, sign of the broken bone knitting. The leg rested in a split plaster shell and was comfortable enough. The swelling had gone down, and I was free from pain. The doctor had decided to give it another fortnight, and if there was then no indication that the bone was growing The Moron was to be amputated.

Anyway, amputated or not, we were still determined to finish our trip. I discussed the position with Olive, and we decided to get rid of the horses as soon as I left the hospital. Even if I retained my leg it would be necessary to wear splint for many months, which would make walking much more difficult. Attending to horses and nursing an injured leg at the same time was beyond me.

I wrote to my brother-in-law asking him to bring up my old car, a veteran Ford with two hundred thousand miles of travel behind it. If we couldn't pull the caravan with horses we could pull it with a car.

The Ford was so fitted that I only used one leg to drive it. The Little Moron had always been a loafer, and the fact that he was indisposed would not make any difference.

In the meantime I settled down to wait the results of the next X-ray.

The nurses were giving a party in their quarters a few days later. Air-men from a station not far away were invited, and I was included. The matron gave me permission to go, and I got ready to attend my first party in pyjamas.

When the night arrived two nurses wrapped me in blankets and lifted me into a wheel chair. They trundled me across the yard and into a spacious sitting-room where blue-uniformed men sat talking to girls I hardly recognised as the nurses who had been bustling through the wards an hour previously.

They danced and sang, and I drank two pots of beer pushed surreptitiously into my hand by a generous airman. My condition, after nearly three months in hospital, was hardly robust enough to meet the impact of alcohol on a convalescent stomach, and I began to wish for the solidity of my bed. It, at least, was stable.

Toward midnight I hailed the night nurse who was stealing a few minutes from duty to peep in at the door, and she wheeled me back through a ward that was suddenly indicative of suffering, and to my verandah bed which now had the quality of a prison. It was time I left the hospital.

I was discharged after the next X-ray. The doctor said there was a definite improvement and that, if I kept my leg in a splint for six months, the bone would probably heal.

For three days I practised walking in the back yard of the hospital. My "good" leg had to be trained to take over the entire responsibility of each forward thrust, and it resented the extra work. It swelled and developed an ache of its own. Its enforced rest had made it soft.

On the day I was to leave I walked with less trepidation and when I took over my car from brother-in-law Thomas at the hospital gates, I had regained my confidence.

However, a new saying had now appeared on my list. I was to use it frequently in the months that followed:

"Look out for my leg!"

The Moron was so delicate that a knock would snap him again, and since I averaged a fall a day he was a constant worry to me.

Falls, to those who walk on crutches in rough places, are a commonplace. You take them in your stride, as it were. Olive was learning that I exploited my falls by extending the period in which I lay on the ground so that I could examine ants and tiny insects; all the things that can only be enjoyed when your face is just above the earth.

If I fell when in her company she would kneel down beside me to look at things instead of rushing forward to help me, as she had done when first we knew each other. Only people who fall often know of the world beneath a blade of grass.

But now it was different. I had to fall with judgement instead of haphazardly, as was my custom. Falling had become the undignified departure from normal of those who have never swung between crutches. It had lost its pleasure.

Preparing the caravan for towing by car took up a few days. I got the local blacksmith to remove the pole and substitute a short tow-bar. I left it on its four wheels with the motor car seat in front. This gave it rather an odd appearance when tearing along behind the car. It seemed to be following us under protest like a dignified old lady forced into running.

We couldn't sell Millie. It would have been a betrayal of our friendship. We gave her to the farmer in whose paddock she had been grazing. I arranged to have Jim sold in the sale-yards.

Olive and I went to catch him and to bid good-bay to Millie. We stroked her neck where her winter coat was curled and matted like the hair of a retriever dog. When we walked away from her she followed us. She had never done this before. We caught Jim and led him towards the gate with Millie trailing behind. She seemed surprised when we closed the gate and left her alone in the paddock. She whinnied and showed an unusual animation. We walked down the road and she followed with the fence between us. At the corner she could come no farther. She hung over the fence watching us, her drooping underlip more pendulous than ever.

We did not see her again. On the day of the sale it rained heavily. I sat beside the ring from early morning till late afternoon. Hundreds of horses passed through—heavy draughts, ponies, hacks, unbroken colts.... They trotted nervously on to the sawdust and snorted as they found themselves surrounded by men leaning on the rails of the circular fence.

It looked as if Jim would be the last to appear. The horses, dragged with rain and splashed with mud, were bringing ridiculous prices.

"One pound. A pound. A pound, I say, any advance on a pound. A pound for the mare—and she's a good one. One pound, I'm bid. One pound. A note gets her. Out." The hammer fell.

I could see Jim going for ten bob. Aged horses of his stamp were evidently not in demand. I noticed that the best prices were obtained when the owner personally recommended his animal.

"This horse, gentlemen, hasn't a vice. My wife drives him herself.

He's a good stock horse and you can catch him anywhere."

Bidding livened up, then, and such horses brought their value. I decided to try a similar line when Jim appeared.

He trotted in looking his worst. He was tucked-up and shivering with the cold. I walked over to the rear of the auctioneer's stand and tapped him on the shoulder with one of my crutches. He bent down to hear what I had to say.

"I own this horse," I said. "He's the best horse in Australia. He's faultless. I've just driven him from Melbourne."

The auctioneer grinned. "Sounds like a good horse to me."

He straightened and yelled in a voice that brought a startled bound from Jim: "Here's a horse, gentlemen. One of the finest animals ever to grace this ring. A noble steed, if ever there was one. What am I offered for the magnificent animal that carried the man on crutches behind me 400 miles without damage to a crutch? Here's the answer to a nervous wife's prayer. What will I start him at? Who'll make an offer? Give me a start now. Who'll say a fiver? A fiver, I'm bid. Five pound, I'm bid. Five pound, I say...."

Jim was knocked down for seven pounds ten.

Next day we left with a laden caravan and empty pockets. The cheque for Jim was a memory.

We now had to adjust our conception of distance over again. A signpost that informed us we were five miles from a township had, when Jim and Millie supplied the power, also revealed that we would not reach that township for an hour. In a car, five miles was considered "there."

When travelling the road at a walking pace time lost the value placed on it by cities. But the car was a city product and brought with it a compulsion to recognise that time is valuable.

We missed the sounds we loved—the jingle of hobble chains, the snort of a feeding horse blowing chaff from its nostrils, the crunching of grain as they chewed the oats in their nose-bags.

I had loved the feel of chaff pouring from a bag across my arm and the smell of grass torn in mouthfuls from the earth.

But now these were gone and in their place we had the smell of petrol fumes, the knocking of a worn engine, and the lifeless silence of a car at rest.

Trees peeping over curved horizons had, hitherto, emerged and approached us with timid reluctance. Now they rushed towards us, waved their arms in a sudden swirl of air and fell back as if in disgust at our hurry. We sped past clumps of dillon bush, glimpsing the flick of a bird's wing startled into action without being able to recognise the bird. The quick rumble of a bridge told us that a creek had passed beneath us. "Feed" didn't matter now, yet we never lost our interest in patches of grass.

"What a camp for horses!" we would exclaim, then speed on to a spot more suitable for the wheels of a car.

The lack of blacksmiths' shops and watering places ceased to worry us. The worries of a decrepit car took their place. The motor refused to idle; the battery wouldn't hold power, and each morning I had to crank the engine.

I evolved a method of mending punctures with the least inconvenience to my splinted leg. Punctures were so common, due to our worn tyres, that their repair became a matter of routine, but the strangled coughing that sometimes seized the old bus was a mystery I could not solve.

My monthly petrol ration only took us a certain distance. We were thus forced to camp for long periods in the one place. When our supply was almost exhausted we searched for a good camping spot on a river and made it our home till a new issue of tickets was due.

We contacted Soldiers' Welfare Associations and Red Cross Centres in the towns we passed through, and were thus able to get messages without a door-to-door canvass. The mothers and friends of soldiers collected in these places and I met many



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I would otherwise have missed. We spent less time in each town, but we were able to collect more messages.

It was early spring and we had entered the mallee country. Encircling sandhills split half-way over the road. The car faltered as the caravan wheels sank in the sand, the jerked forward as the tyres gripped hard metal.

We passed by flat paddocks frosted with sunray daisies. In damp places large purple pea flowers grew in clusters. We ate our meals separated by bowls of everlasting and the flat, glittering leaves of the ice plant.

On one stretch of plain where the sunray daisies hid the earth in a sheet of white we alighted from the car and thrust our hands and faces into flowers. We bathed in them, rolling down a bank in a flower-happy madness. We tossed them into the air and they fell on us.

There were no Pipes of Pan in this Arcady, only skylarks, and they sang in a sky so bright we could not see them and their song had magic because of this. Our eyes, nor any sense that we possessed, were not enough to gather all the beauty that was there.

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PROGRAMME NEWS

GEORGE STEPHENSON

IN ENGLAND 100 years ago died the man who revolutionised world transport and whose career was a triumph of perseverance and self-confidence over adversity and prejudice.

George Stephenson was the second of the six children of a colliery fireman near Newcastle-on-Tyne. He had no schooling and did not learn to read until he was 18. He was fascinated by steam engines, and by the time he was 33 he had built his first locomotive. It was a great day for Stephenson when the world's first railway, between Darlington and Stockton, on which he had spent so much effort and ingenuity, was publicly opened in 1825. The first train carrying both passengers and goods attained 12 miles an hour.

Eastern listeners can hear 'Scenes in the Life of George Stephenson' on Tuesday at 11.30 p.m.

EAST AND WEST

ALBERT CHAFFOO, who conducts BBC Northern Orchestra in the General Overseas Service on Friday at 10.15 p.m. is the Officer Commanding the Royal Iraqi Military Band. In this position he has done a great deal to popularise Western music in the Middle East. His own musical education was gained in the West—in Great Britain—but most of his bandsmen had no such advantage. Chaffoo had the difficult task of forming a military band from recruits who in most cases were not only unable to read music but could not read or write their own language. They were tribesmen, straight from an age-old nomadic way of life. However, Chaffoo persevered, managed to teach them to read music, and then organised them into a very competent military band.

TWO NEW SERIES

ANNE SHELTON, whose war-time broadcasts made her reputation, returns to the General Overseas Service this week in another radio series of 'Introducing Anne Again' on Tuesday at 7.15 p.m.

ETHEL REVNELL—the tall partner in the comedy team of Revnell and West (the Cockney Kids)—begins a new series of Variety programmes 'Down Our Street' in the General Overseas Service on Tuesday at 9.15 p.m.

B.B.C. Highlights

Sunday, October 31

EASTERN SERVICE.

P.M.

11.30 RADIO DRAMA—Clifford Evans, Fay Compton, and Bernard Miles in 'ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA'—Part 1 by William Shakespeare.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

10.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN.—BBC Symphony Orchestra. Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult. Parry Jones (tenor) Tom Williams (bass-baritone) Excerpts from Wagner's operas, including 'The Mastersingers'.

11.45 CHURCHES AT WORSHIP.—A series of ten talks. 1: 'A Parish Church in Essex,' by C. Henry Warren.

P.M.

12.15 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE.—BBC Variety Orchestra, conductor, Rae Jenkins, with Desiree Ellinger.

1.30 BRITISH CONCERT. HALL.—Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Conducted and presented by Sir Thomas Beecham.

Overture, 'The Corsair'.....Berlioz Suite, 'Amaryllis'.....Handel, arr. Beecham Symphony No. 73 in D (The Hunt).....Haydn

3.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—from the First Presbyterian Church, Armagh, conducted by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Rt. Rev. Dr. A. W. Neill.

5.30 SUNDAY SERVICE—from the First Presbyterian Church, Armagh, conducted by the Rt. Rev. Dr. A. W. Neill.

9.15 'ITMA'.

9.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN.

10.15 MELODY TIME.—Gerald and his Concert Orchestra.

Monday, November 1

EASTERN SERVICE.

P.M.

11.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME.—'Aerial Football—The New Game'. Short story by Bernard Shaw. Read by Cyril Cusack.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

1.30 GILBERT AND SULLIVAN.—The Story of a Great partnership. A radio biography in six parts. Script and research by Leslie Bailey. Part 5: 'The Summit of Success'. (featuring 'The Mikado' and 'Rudigore'). BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus.

4.15 FOCUS ON ITALY.—Narrated by Edward Ward. Written and produced by Marjorie Banks.

5.45 H.M. THE KING.—Inspects Units of the Territorial Army—in Hyde Park, and takes the Salute at the March Past. Commentator: Brian Johnston. (BBC recording).

6.00 CELEBRITY RECITAL.—Thibaud (violin).

7.15 ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD.—Czech Philharmonic Orchestra (gramophone records).

9.15 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS.—Band of the Royal Norfolk Regiment. Conductor: Mr. Daniel Harvey.

9.45 BRITISH INDUSTRY—covering the 33rd International Motor Exhibition at Earl's Court.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.15 Eric Barker in—'THE WATERLOGGED SPA'.

Tuesday, November 2

EASTERN SERVICE.

P.M.

11.30 SCENES IN THE LIFE OF GEORGE STEPHENSON.—The Man who built 'The Rocket'. A programme

to commemorate the centenary of George Stephenson, written by D. F. Aitken.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

10.15 LET'S MAKE MUSIC—featuring the Squadronaires Dance Orchestra, directed by Jimmy Miller.

P.M.

12.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN.—BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus Conductor: Walter Goehr. Carmen del Rio (mezzo-soprano). In more Ballets from the Operas.

1.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—with Frankie Howard, Claude Hulbert and Enid Trevor, 'Flotsam', Ivy Benson, Roy Walker, and Charles Harrison.

6.00 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.—Conducted by Georges Enesco. Symphony No. 8.....Beethoven

6.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME.—'Aerial Football—The New Game'. Short story by Bernard Shaw. Read by Cyril Cusack.

7.15 ANNE SHELTON in Introducing Anne Again—with a smile and a song accompanied by the Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Frank Cantell. Guest Pianist, Johnny Franz.

9.15 Ethel Revnell in—DOWN OUR STREET.—The first of a series in which Ethel Revnell takes us to meet her friends and relations, not forgetting the Kid. Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black.

9.45 BRITISH FARMER.—The Daft Show at Olympia, by Clyde Higgs.

10.15 LET'S MAKE MUSIC.—featuring Lew Stone and his Orchestra, with Terry Devon and 'The Moonstones'.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Wednesday, November 3

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

P.M.

12.45 STAR VARIETY.—Vera Lynn and Cliff Gordon.

6.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME.—KODALY—MISSA BREVIS—BBC Chorus with George Thalben-Ball (Australian organist), conducted by the composer and 'THE SEASONS' by James Thomson. Selections made and read by Christopher Hassall.

7.00 REPORT FROM BRITAIN.

4.15 BANDS WITHIN BANDS.—The Deantones from Syd Dean's Orchestra.

9.30 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE.—BBC Variety Orchestra, conductor, Rae Jenkins, with Olga Gwynne

Thursday, November 4

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

10.30 MUSIC FROM THE CHOIR BOYS' FESTIVAL, WESTMINSTER ABBEY.—with an introduction by William McKie, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

P.M.

2.00 STRADIVARI ORCHESTRA.

2.30 SPORTS BULLETIN.

3.15 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS.—Band of the Durham Light Infantry.

4.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA.—Conductor: Charles Groves. Symphony No. 4 in A ('The Italian'). Mendelssohn.

6.00 LET JUSTICE BE DONE.—The story of the administration of justice in British Courts—Evidence of System—'The Brides in the Bath'.

10.30 TIP-TOP TUNES.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Friday, November 5

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

P.M.

1.30 LISTENERS CHOICE.

2.00 'ITMA'.

4.15 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.

5.30 IN BRITAIN NOW.—A National Magazine—Each week contributors from all over the United Kingdom come to the microphone to tell you about some of the things that are going on in Britain now.

6.00 COUNTRY MAGAZINE.

6.30 NEW RECORDS.—Presented by Robert Tredinnick.

7.15 BOOKS TO READ.

9.45 LOOKING AT BRITAIN.

10.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA.—Conducted by Albert Chaffoo. Symphony No. 5 (From the New World).....Dvorak.

Keep this page for use during the week.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Saturday, November 6

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

11.15 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.

11.45 MAINLY FOR WOMEN.

P.M.

1.30 'THE WATERLOGGED SPA'.

6.00 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS'.—by Charles Dickens. Dramatised as a serial for broadcasting in 12 parts by Mabel Constanduros and Howard Agg. 1: 'The Fearful Man.' Music by Walter Goehr played by the Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by the composer.

7.00 WORLD AFFAIRS.

7.15 THE THEATRE IN LONDON.—A talk by W. Macqueen-Pope.

9.15 MONTMARTRE PLAYERS

9.30 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.

10.15 'PASTE'.—A short story by Henry James. Adapted for broadcasting by Thea Holme.

12.00 SATURDAY SPORT.—including commentaries on Rugby League: Second Test Match—England v. Australia at Swinton, near Manchester. Commentator: Harry Sunderland. Association Football: Queen's Park Rangers v. West Bromwich Albion. Commentator: Raymond Glendenning.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. A dwarfish whole, its body brevit and wit it's soul.
2. John Milton, in "Paradise Lost."
2. Francis Bacon.
4. King Henry VIII.
5. George Herbert.
6. Izaak Walton.
7. Benito Mussolini, in 1930.

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Talking about Films.

Classroom Class War By Fred Majdalany

A frequent figure in those school stories we read as children used to be the Scholarship Boy Who Made Good. First he would be teased because his education differed from that of the rest of the Lower Fourth.

But once he had owned up to a crime he hadn't committed, thrashed the school bully behind the tuck-shop, and scored the winning goal against Gallstones he was always chaired back to the pavilion and voted the most popular man in the school.

Warren Chetham Strode makes this traditional piece of folklore the rough basis of "The Guinea Pig" which examines the impact of public-school life on a boy from an East London council school.

To give the thing a grown-up flavour and the suggestion that a problem is being discussed, Mr. Strode vaguely links his story with recent Ministry of Education policies.

The boy from the East End is sent to the school as the guinea-pig of an "experiment": to see what happens when a Walthamstow chicken is set, as it were, among the foxes of Harrow.

This involves stretching more than one point. For one thing, it rather implies that scholarships are a daring new idea thought up by the Government the day before yesterday. For another, it makes it necessary for Mr. Strode greatly to overdraw the social clashes involved.

This is particularly the case with the character who devotes himself single-mindedly to the persecution of the East End boy. (I imagine that the housemasters of today are far more busily engaged in seeing that the sons of Black Market kings do not introduce too much heredity into the Common Room).

But if you forget about its pretensions to being a problem dish, "The Guinea Pig" is splendid entertainment. It is in turn humorous and touching, sometimes desperately touching. It is full of character, personality, atmosphere, and the smell of boy.

And it is very well acted by Richard A. Tenborough, as the guinea-pig (his best performance to date), by Cecil Trouncer, as the diehard master, by Robert Fleming, as the one master sympathetically disposed towards the boy, and by Bernard Miles as the boy's father.

Above all, John and Roy Boulting, who produced it, have packed the picture with shrewd detail that admirably brings the school to life: the horrific assemblies of parents on Speech Day, the petrified whoopee of the end-of-term dance, the Rugger school's withering scorn of Soccer, that terrible musical aberration—the school song—which casts a blight on every school function.

"Summer holiday" a euphemistic title if ever we saw one, is also about education. This time the seat of learning is one of those Metro-Goldwyn foundations where the pupils are all in love with each other and the curriculum is mostly conducted in rhymed couplets, music, and dance.

The alumnus with whom it is primarily concerned is Mickey Rooney.

Mr. Rooney leaves school in a blaze of glory which is immediately dimmed when he starts quoting from the revolutionary writings of George Bernard Shaw.

This dangerous Left-Wing tendency (which causes alarm and despondency throughout the town) delays his marriage to another adolescent for an hour and a half. Some of which I passed wondering how a witty director like Rouben Mamoulian came to direct such a film. The rest of which I spent trying to guess the thoughts of Eugene O'Neill when he sees it and realises that it is based on his play "An Ideal Husband."

There are so few genuinely funny films any more that whenever I see one I have an insane desire to send off wires to everyone I know telling them.

This is a bad thing to do, because you have only to praise a comedy a shade too hard for your friends to round on you afterwards and say that it wasn't as funny as all that.

All the same I haven't the slightest hesitation in calling "On Our Merry Way" one of the three best comedies of this year.

Burlesque is not uncommon on the screen, but witty burlesque is. This film is a kind of professional rag in which Burgess Meredith, James Stewart, Henry Fonda, Dorothy Lamour, Victor Moore, and Paulette Goddard appear to improvise a series of sketches that are in fact most carefully written.

Meredith is a roving reporter sent by a paper to ask people for stories of occasions when a baby influenced their lives.

Funnier than anything I have seen this year is the sketch in which Messrs. Stewart and Fonda appear as a pair of down-and-out dance musicians running a crooked music competition. They are run very close by Miss Lamour in a parody of her best-known screen self (the sarong one) which Beatrice Lillie might envy.

To avoid casting the same actors in the same types of roles, it is essential to have as wide a choice of talent as possible, so that film characters may be given the best possible interpretation by actors best fitted to take that part, instead of being merely cast because they have played similar parts quite well in the past. A character in a film is not a celluloid puppet, but an individual and must be presented to the public as such.

Casting, therefore, is a very important point for the success of a film and it is a point that has been fully realised by Britain's film makers. With large reserves of stars and featured players of the screen at their disposal, as well as talent from the theatres, large or small, throughout the country, Britain's film producers have an extremely large selection from which to find the ideal actor to fit a certain part.

Some actors like James Mason, Eric Portman, Michael Redgrave, Rex Harrison, Robert Donat, John Mills or David Niven, have already achieved world fame. Many of them divide their services between Hollywood and London. Others are climbing the ladder to stardom. Their names may not yet be familiar to audiences, in, say, Latin America or India, but if their growing popularity with United Kingdom filmgoers is anything to go by, it will not be long before they will be acclaimed wherever their films are shown.

Two such young actors have risen to fame in an extraordinarily short period. Hardly more than a year ago the names of Kieron Moore and John McCallum meant nothing to anybody.

Twenty-three-year-old Kieron Moore, a tall, dark Irishman, first acted at the famous Dublin Abbey Theatre, and then came to England to act in one or two Irish plays. Seen by a Korda talent scout, he was signed up almost immediately for the leading male role of the Italian major-domo in "A Man About the House", the screen adaptation of Francis Brett Young's novel. His playing of the sinister Salvatore was so good, that he was given another leading role—that of a young war veteran, whose experiences have left his mind unbalanced—in "Mine Own Executioner". Totally different again was the part he



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played in the Korda production of Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina", in which he was Anna's lover, Vronsky. With these three parts Kieron Moore has worked his way to the top and is fast becoming one of Britain's most popular young stars. His next film for Korda will be "I Bought a Mountain".

John McCallum, a young Australian, was on his way to Hollywood, when he stopped in Britain to gain some experience in repertory and the Shakespearean stage. His first screen role was in Gainsborough's "The Root of All Evil", but he jumped to fame in Ealing's "The Loves of Joanna Godden", in which he played a farmer. His next part was that of an escaped convict in "It Always Rains on Sunday", and in "Miranda" he appeared as a painter.

AFRICAN VISION

By Graham Standford Reviews 'A Book With The Spirit Of Rhodes'

Why not a United States of Africa? In Britain and Africa today small groups of far-sighted men dream of this as Cecil Rhodes once dreamed and planned a through road from Cairo to the Cape.

They regard it as the great new hope both for Britain and for Africa. They see it as the opening of a new era for the peoples both of this busy island and of that great Continent now emerging from the darkness into light.

Just what does it mean? How can the dream take practical shape?

These questions are answered today in "Tomorrow's Continent," by Lieut.-Colonel Peter Penn and his wife, Lucie Street, one of the more objective books of the spate now being published on African questions.

In Four Stages

Colonel Penn has spent over 30 years in Africa and India, is Colonial adviser to the Economic League, and a member of the Executive Council of the Joint East African Board.

Here are the four stages of the new U.S.A. plan:

1. The British Colonies in East and West Africa would become the Dominion of East Africa and the Dominion of West Africa.
2. The formation of an East and West African Federation.
3. The unification of East, West, and South Africa into British United Africa.
4. British United Africa would unite with the remaining States or peoples of Africa to form the United States of Africa.

Like Mr. Churchill, the authors see Africa as "an Eldorado of productivity."

Cape-To-Cairo

They visualise a Cape-to-Cairo route as one vast, system of air road, rail, and radiating out to ports and harbours for inter-coastal trade. They plan wide concrete, flood-proof roads crossing and recrossing the continent; great new airports and irrigation schemes that will bring about an African Angantia for cattle-raising.

How can it be done? According to the authors, it is not so hard as it sounds. The Nile electrified Russia. But tomorrow's Continent has greater rivers—the Nile, the Zambesi, Limpopo, Orange River, Victoria Falls. Hard-working Rhodesia could supply the thousands of miles of copper cable to carry the light all over the Continent.

This new U.S.A. would be studied with aerodromes, and new flying-boat services would utilise the Great Lakes.

Who can do this? Not the "line-servers" or "ex-Colonial administrators," but the best brains in British industry: the men who mass-produced the tanks and lorries; the back-room boys; the "Nobel" of peace-time, the Alexander of war-time; the Churchill and Beveridge and Keynes of all time.

The African Too

They are the type of men whose vision will equal that of Cecil Rhodes. They should be the builders of tomorrow's Continent. But with them

New Books

Cronin-And Water By Peter Quennell

When first I caught sight of a cliché—a fairly large and blatant specimen—in A. J. Cronin's new novel, I turned down the top right-hand corner of the page on which I found it.

I did the same for a second and third and fourth; till it occurred to me that I was spoiling the appearance of a book that would have cost a non-professional member of the reading public not less than 10s. 6d., and let the clichés buzz on unreprieved like a swarm of summer houseflies.

They were almost as numerous and irritating. When the hero receives a critical letter, how does he tear it open?—Of course, "with trembling fingers."

When the heroine is about to succumb, her little heart, inevitably, must throb and flutter "like a frightened bird."

When she has fallen at last, and remorse and disillusionment have succeeded, amorous ecstasy, her youthful face is white and piteous, her lips quiver, and it is with "the look of a wounded bird" that she bids her traitorous lover goodbye and creeps away to catch her train.

But let us give the story its due. If what you appreciate in a novel or film is its close and comforting resemblance to a hundred-and-one other novels and films that you have read and sat through, this tale of a keen young doctor who has a passion for scientific research but is hampered by his poverty, and falls in love with a nice girl, who for some time refuses to marry him because he is a Catholic and she herself an ardent Nonconformist, will provide pleasant and inoffensive, if unadventurous, reading.

For "Shannon's Way" includes most of the ingredients we have learned to expect in modern novels about doctors—sketches of hospital life; glimpses of nurses, good and bad and middling; love at the laboratory bench; and the usual emergency operation, here a tracheotomy, but on this occasion not performed with a sterilised penknife, by the light of a single oil-lamp, while the storm is howling outside.

In fact, "Shannon's Way" is Cronin-and-water, and personally I doubt whether the literary quality of A. J. Cronin's previous books is sufficiently rich and concentrated to allow of much dilution. The present mixture is decidedly thin. A return to pre-war strength is the least that we can ask for....

By comparison Alan Moorehead pours a fierce and heady beverage. He observes intelligently, writes carefully, and injects into his narrative the alcohol of genuine feeling.

must work the African, for the new U.S.A. can only be built on a basis of true partnership.

And now for the bill. The Government are raising £100,000,000 for Colonial development, but there should be a United States of Africa Savings Loan raised just like the present War Savings Loan. In one generation, the authors contend, it would yield ten times the interest of the War Savings Loan. Through every line of this book runs the spirit of Rhodes.

"Tomorrow's Continent," by Lieut.-Colonel Peter Penn and Lucie Street (Sidgwick and Jackson, Ltd., 9s.)

The background of "The Rage of the Culture" is a Himalayan paradise—an Indian State not unlike Kashmir, where retired Indian Civil Servants come to spend their last years.

For them the close of the British Raj is the end of civilisation. They are distraught and bewildered and helpless. Reports arrive that the tribesmen are on the move, and at any moment may descend to overwhelm their peaceful valley.

Alan Moorehead takes a few exciting days, and describes them with the gusto of a natural story-teller who is also a very good reporter. Though his treatment of individual human beings is not always quite convincing, in his relation of fast-moving events he sweeps along triumphantly.

A remarkably readable first novel. I look forward to many successors, written with the same energy, on even wider, more ambitious themes.

QUICK LOOKS

Light On My Days by Georges Duhamel. Translated by Basil Collier. (Dent, 15s.)

If you enjoyed this veteran French novelist's stories of the Pasquier family I can recommend his delightful account of his youth and early manhood. For the portrait of Dr. Pasquier, that irrepressible optimist and incorrigible amorist, was founded on Duhamel's father. But the translation, I am sorry to say, is somewhat heavy-footed.

Black Ivory, by Norman Collins. (Collins, 9s. 6d.)

Skulduggery on the high seas. A villainous captain aboard an 18th-century "black-bird." Recommended reading for those who like adventure stories.

The Adventures of Sockeye the Salmon, by Noel Monks. (Moxon, 7s. 6d.)

Fish are generally supposed to be cold-blooded; Noel Monks thinks otherwise. His salmon is a brisk, enterprising, good-natured personage, with a strong Canadian accent; but, as he was born in the Yukon River, that seems not unreasonable. I doubt, on the other hand, whether even the friendliest whale says "Howdy!" A lively unsophisticated tale, illustrated with half-a-dozen highly-coloured pictures.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. In ten years.
2. Bishop of Amoy.
3. The Press and the Referees.
4. Seaham, for many years represented by Ramsay MacDonald, and the newly created division of Easington.
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6. General Carlos P. Romulo, of the Philippines.

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Yet parish councils are the posterity of the earliest form of government in the life of this country. Long before the vote became every man's right the parishes of England were governing themselves. Parliament has the parish council at the very root of its pedigree.

It is something to be proud of surely, that you are a member of one of the nation's most ancient experiments in democracy and, as such, the custodian of a spirit that has helped to shape our destiny as a people. The parish meeting was, in fact, the cradle of our liberties.

The Minutes—

True, the minutes of the last meeting, as read out by the clerk to the council, the retired Civil Servant, are enthralling to hear.

Incidentally, to read his own handwriting he has to hold the tattered exercise book, in which the minutes are kept, at arm's length.

He recites that Mrs. Playford had written to complain again about the smell from the stream at the bottom of the village. He states that notice was also taken at the meeting of Mr. Hersey's complaint that the pollution of the said stream is driving the moorhens away.

As a meeting with business to do it is an untidy affair. Subjects sprawl all over the place.

You are forced to the conclusion, sitting there, that the parish council as an institution is not doing its job very well, and that it is not being taken as seriously as it should be. Why, you wonder, is this?

In the past it had powers that the larger units of local government, the rural district councils and the county councils, have today. It had highway maintenance responsibilities. It administered the Poor Law. It had a great deal to do with the public welfare.

—And The Powers

What powers has it now? You ask the clerk after the meeting, and though he glances intimidatingly at his wrist-watch he tells you that they are still mainly concerned with the well-being of the village community.

Your parish council can build or acquire a village hall. It can provide playing fields. It has the disposition and management of allotments. It can supply a certain amount of street lighting. It can appoint school managers and administer charities.

It does not sound very imposing. A good many parish councillors do not know that they have even those powers, such as they are.

A new development in parish council history that may not only save it but reinvigorate it is the Parish Councils' Association, formed a year or so ago under the wing of the National Council of Social Service. This is quite a step.

There are about 7,000 parish councils and, wrought into a fighting front, with their great resources of obstinacy, they may very well help in the restoration of ancient rights and some of the liberties we have mislaid.

—REGINALD POUND.

SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1948.

A Potential World Market Lies

In Chaos

By Leslie C. Smith

Special Correspondent In Peiping

War torn indeed, but with 400,000,000 people could, if organised on a peace basis, keep the factories of Western Europe busy for fifty years.

The present cotton output of the world would be insufficient to clothe China; the steel output of the world would not be sufficient to build up her railways, bridges, harbours and factories; the world leather output could not provide enough boots and shoes for this vast population, yet this gigantic potential market lies in a state of unparalleled chaos.

Recently I visited a small town in Hopei Province, North China, where conditions were very much like those in mediaeval Europe.

Town Defence

Each little town, under its own local leader or magistrate, was defended against the raids of Communists. Night after night small parties of Reds would attack these isolated little places and were usually driven off by the inhabitants.

No longer does a War Lord hold tyrannical sway over large areas. Each town has to hold its own and keep a vigilant watch for approaching enemies.

The little town I stayed in is only 1,000 years old—young by Chinese standards—but it can hold out against an attacking force of 5,000 men. Bounded by a solid high battlemented wall the old embrasures for archers have been changed for the use of rifle-men and machine-guns.

Under the energetic command of the magistrate, a small man, but with a dominant personality, the town defences are kept in good order.

Schoolboys help in building the defences and in the fighting. Beyond the walls was a six-foot high palisade of sharpened stakes, and beyond that again isolated defence posts were held by the militia.

Young farmers and the able-bodied among the townsfolk made up this little self-contained force, which so far has beaten off all attacks without assistance from the Government forces.

The few meagre shops had little to offer besides vegetables. Only one shop had a tiny stock of meat.

The conditions under which the inhabitants group themselves into a defence force, working on the land during the day, with their rifles by their

side, resembles the early days in North America when the white settlers lived in constant danger from Red Indians.

The Chinese are a hard-working peace-loving people.

For thirty years they have seen their fields trampled down by the armies of rival war lords.

Then came the Japanese, followed

by the Communists. Little wonder that they cannot make progress and live in peace.

Meanwhile the unending war rolls on, leaving a trail of desolation and death behind and turning the fruitful fields into a wilderness.

In the big towns conditions are little better, the population living from day to day.

Supplies from the United States help to make life a little better, but the vastness of China, and its utter disorganisation, prevents these supplies from getting out of the towns.

The only way China will get relief will be from a strong Government capable of taking the field with well-armed, well-disciplined troops who could sweep the Communists back from Manchuria.

Unhappily there is not a remote chance of this happening.

Alternatively, if the Communists could be contained and responsible Government extended to that part of China held by the Nationalists, then there would be some hope of rebuilding the life of the country to a state where it could export its raw materials in return for Western goods.

At present this vast population is living in a darkened world, cut off from the most elementary standards of Western life.

Farms Abandoned

Farms are abandoned and, trying to follow Russian Communism, the Chinese have parcelled out the land to the inhabitants, giving each of them a holding of an acre irrespective of their qualifications or ability to gain a living from the land.

In Red Manchuria two-thirds of the population live on chaff (grain husks), while the poorest live on the big round slabs of soya bean refuse from which all nutriment has been extracted. To eat it for food means ultimate blindness.

Yet, even in times of natural catastrophes, this region, the richest in East Asia, is losing the battle against starvation.

The Communists have purged what there was of educated people, and "People's Courts" go round the villages sentencing the village headmen to imprisonment or death because they have a little money.

Flying between Peiping and Mukden the land shows the true state of affairs. Only outside the villages is there any green to be seen. Elsewhere this rich land is lying fallow.

The Communists, by their ruthlessness and ignorance, are now finding that they, too, suffer from lack of food, and thousands have deserted to the Nationalist cause, where they can get better conditions.

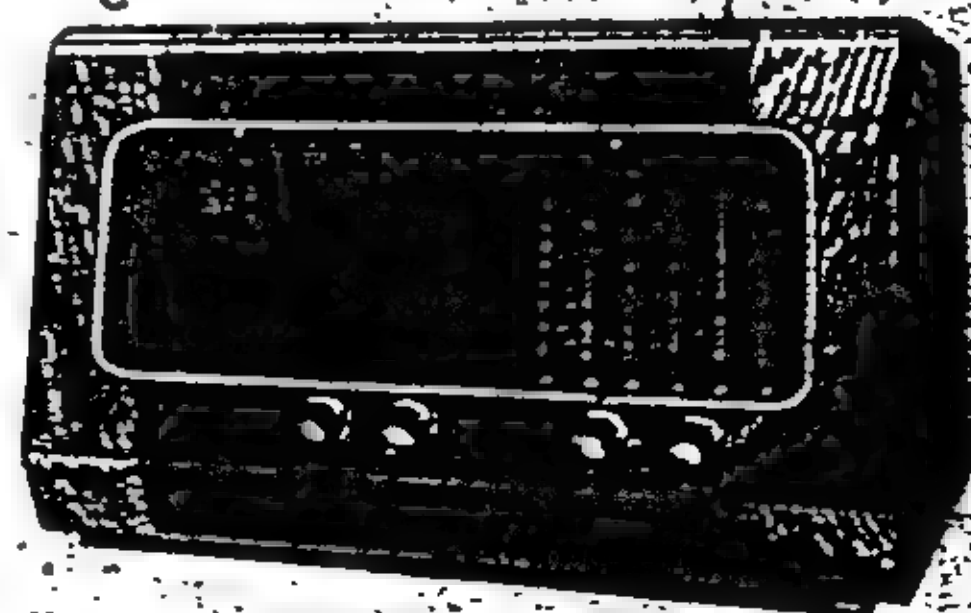
While they leave chaos and destruction behind them, the Communists, although making steady inroads into China, have not been able to advance so quickly as they should have done considering there is little organised opposition to them.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What is an epigram? At least, how does Samuel Taylor Coleridge define it?
2. "Revenge, at first though sweet, bitter ere long back on itself recoils." The author was?
3. Who wrote the following: Histories make men wise, poets witty; the mathematics, subtle; natural philosophy, deep; Moral, grave; logic and rhetoric, able to contend.
4. In what Shakespeare play does the following appear: Men's evil manners live in brass; their virtues We write in water.
5. For want of a nail the shoe is lost; for want of a shoe the horse is lost; for want of a horse the rider is lost. Who was responsible for this course in logic?
6. No man can lose what he never had, according to Izaak—?
7. "We have buried the putrid corpse corpse of liberty." Which dictator boasted thus?

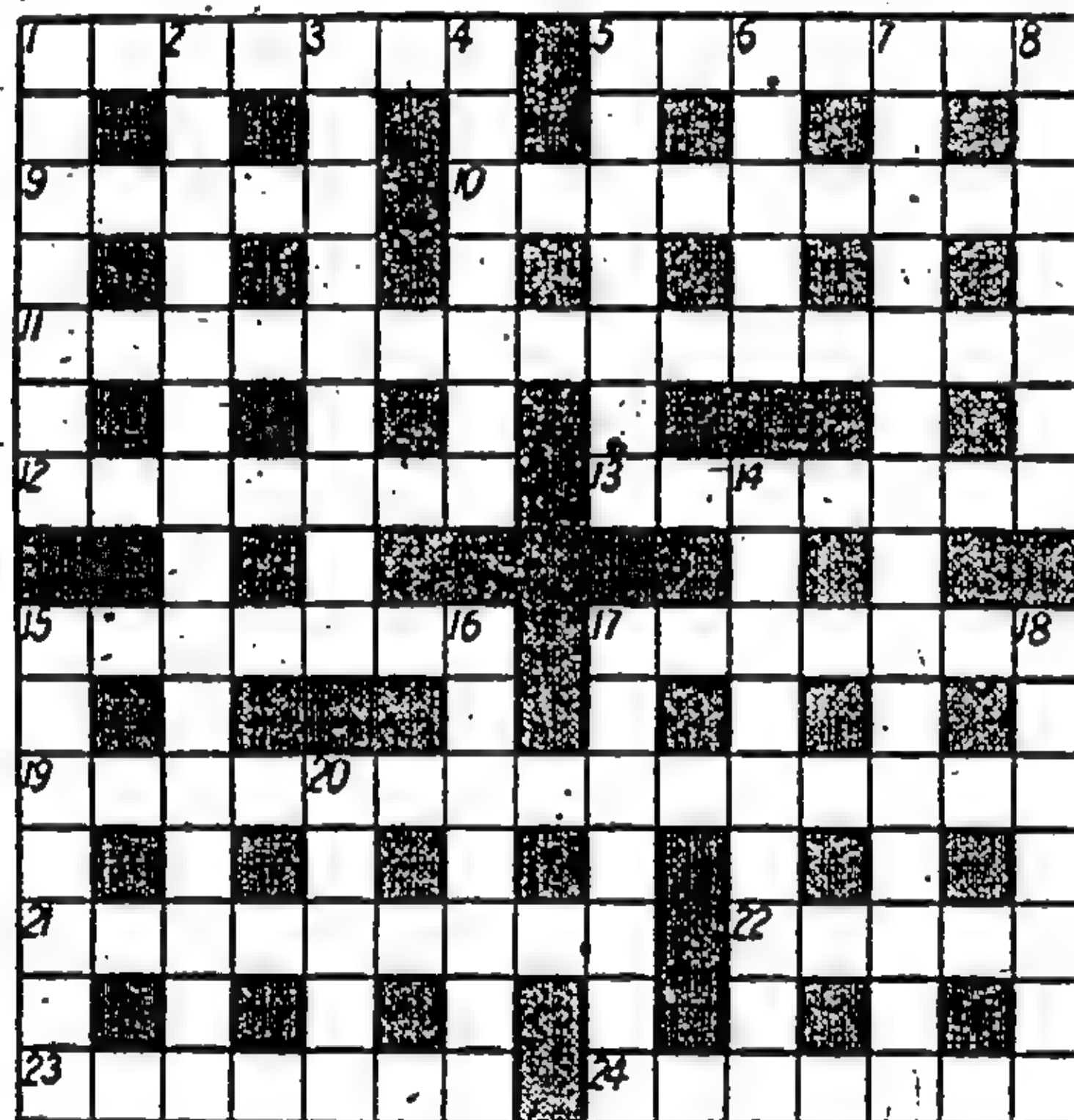
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NEWS QUIZ

1. When the King opened Parliament on Tuesday he wore his Crown during the ceremony for the first time in how many years?
2. The Most Rev. John B. Diaz Velasco was consecrated Bishop at the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday last. Of what China port is he the Bishop?
3. Two groups of desperadoes were refused permission to play football by the Police. Who were these dangerous fellows?
4. Emanuel Shinwell will have a new division to fight when the next election takes place. What are the names of his old constituency and the new?
5. The rateable value of the Colony has been newly assessed at a point 52 per cent higher than ever before. The revaluation figure is?
6. The Colonial Powers came under fire at a meeting of the United Nations Trusteeship Committee. Who was the principal critic?

(Answers on Page 11)

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ACROSS

- 1 Does the pig then take his food in his bath? (7)
- 2 So, niece, this is the botanist's idea of groundsel. (7)
- 3 "The voice so sweet, the words so fair. As, some soft — had stroked the air" (Ben Jonson). (5)
- 4 Youth is full of it, according to Shakespeare. (9)
- 5 Do they chalk it up according to your cue? (6, 7)
- 6 Less ornamental — more dangerous in the water than its golden relative. (7, 4)

- 7 Competent rodent. (7)
- 8 Dyspeptics could not, of course, produce these efficiently. (7)
- 9 Provides the only possibility for an aircraft to flap its wings. (7)
- 10 He gets a liberal education, and maybe a State one now. (6, 6, 3)
- 11 Mum let one for profit. (9)
- 12 Con it sympathetically. (5)
- 13 These were not a sect of Krupp's workers. (7)
- 14 So-so. Sm. like pine-apple, for example. (7)

DOWN

- 1 Qualified mount for old-time gunner. (7)
- 2 His pictures in St. Paul's are just wooden. (6, 7)
- 3 As if tripe would give people an appetite! (9)
- 4 How much pitch to make the vessel A1. (7)
- 5 She does not sail the seas. (7)
- 6 It gives one a head-on blow. (5)
- 7 Those blowing rangers! (10, 5)
- 8 The onlooker does, of course, at the cricket match. (7)
- 9 Precedence according to height? (4, 5)
- 10 Exhaust—by removing the fold. (7)
- 11 Macbeth encountered some weird ones. (7)
- 12 Bull loathes a faithful friend. (7)
- 13 One day's executions in revolutionary France. (7)
- 14 What the Australians will no doubt again do with the Ashes. (5)

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BRIDGE

The opening bid has been more completely standardised than any other, yet this does not prevent expert partnerships from breaking away from standards with successful results on many hands. They shade this bid when they can, in their rebid, steer the further bidding out of danger.

It is different with a moderate partnership. There should be no shading here, because the weaker the partner the more likely he is to take control of the bidding. A shaded opening bid can do no harm when followed by a safe rebid made by an expert partnership, but it can do much harm when a weak partner takes control on a misfit.

The tendency among good players with good partners is to avoid passing on hands with a minimum opening bid. When third-hand or even fourth-hand (after three passes), bidders use their discretion in opening on shaded values. In match-pointed competitions, where part-score hands can be a decisive factor, few hands are passed out.

From another angle, that of defence, a shaded opening bid can have great value. It has a deterring effect on opponents because it implies a certain standard of strength and because of its psychological effect as an attacking bid. In a recent competition, after a shaded opening bid by East the further bidding on these hands proceeded:

SOUTH NORTH
S K J x S A 10 x x
H 10 x H A J x x x
D A K Q x x D 9 x x
C x x x C x
South: One Diamond. North: One Heart. South: Two Diamonds, and all passed.

Twelve tricks were made after the opening lead of the King of Clubs. The shaded opening bid had achieved its object. West held Spades, Q, x, x, and the Queen-over-Jack finesse succeeded and enabled South's losing Heart to be thrown on North's long Spade.

The shaded opening bid is more frequently used in a psychic way in rubber bridge than in duplicate. When risking its use with a weak partner it is well to remember that solidity in the suit bid is more important than extra length by one card.

More! More! This coffee tastes swell!



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FIRST SHOT FIRED IN STEEL BATTLE

107 Companies Affected

London, October 29.

About 300,000 iron and steel workers will become State servants under the Government's highly controversial bill for nationalisation of the industry, which was published today.

They comprise three-fifths of the working strength of the entire industry, which employs 495,000 people. About £300,000,000 of invested capital in Britain's third largest industry will be brought within the scope of State control.

As the terms of the bill became known in the lobbies of Parliament this afternoon the Conservative Opposition, led by Mr. Winston Churchill, prepared to fight it tooth and nail, and the Labour Government is faced with what is likely to be its biggest battle since taking power in 1945.

Political observers had no doubt that the bill would be passed by the huge Labour majority in the Commons; but the process will be completed only shortly before the dissolution of Parliament in 1950. It will thus become a major general election issue, with the Conservatives bent on putting it into reverse if they are returned to power.

The bill is the first of the Government's plan to control the industry, which will be the first of a series of measures to be introduced over the next two years to bring the industry under State control.

The bill will give the Government the right to appoint a public authority to take over the industry, which will be the first of a series of measures to be introduced over the next two years to bring the industry under State control.

Separate Units

There is one big difference in the steel plan from the nationalisation formula applied already to other industries: steel will be taken over by the State, but the industry will remain as separate units, retaining their names and traditions. The old management will continue to be responsible. The only interference they will have from the Corporation is that they will be asked to carry out such overall planning and rationalisation as is considered desirable in the national interest.

But the Corporation can appoint new directors to strengthen a particular board. And it can ask for the resignation of any director "who does not appear to be pulling their weight."

The Corporation itself will not run any works, though under the bill it will have the power to do so if it wishes. This proviso is included in case difficulties arise in some works, which make it advisable for the Corporation to take charge temporarily. In general, however, it will devote itself to overall planning.

Compensation

Shareholders of the 107 companies to be taken over will be compensated by the issue of "British Iron and Steel Stock," equal in value to the steel shares on the general date of transfer. The market value of the Government securities on that date will be taken into consideration.

The companies to be nationalised are those which produce 50,000 tons, or more, of iron or steel annually, and those producing more than 20,000 tons of pig iron, ingot steel, or hot rolled products. Among them are such famous steel names as Dorman Long and Company, Quest Keen Biddwin, Richard Thomas and Baldwins, Limited, United Steel Companies, Lancashire Steel Corporation, Hadfield's Limited, William Beardmore and Company, Thomas Firth and John Brown, Limited, and many others.

Sydney Campbell, Reuters Financial Editor, writes: The closely guarded secret of the basis of compensation for the nationalised iron and steel securities proved an unpleasant surprise for the London Stock Exchange today.

It turned out to be the average stock exchange price from the first to the twenty-fifth of this month, or the average of the six months before the general election in 1945, whichever average is the

higher. Total compensation will be about £300,000,000. In most cases, the average for three months will be operative compensation. Since prices of steel shares have been rising this month, the compensation prices are generally somewhat below the prices which were ruling the morning before the bill was published. The Stock Exchange had hoped that the compensation would be a plain sum or decided by arbitration, and that this would have been higher than the prevailing Stock Exchange price.

Holdings Abroad

Steel officials said tonight that they did not expect nationalisation would disturb overseas holdings, but unofficial quarters were dubious. The essence of the bill is the creation of a public authority which would take over all the scheduled companies. The Corporation would automatically assume ownership of all their assets abroad as well as at home.

But officials pointed out that any overseas shareholdings are owned by the British companies as such—not by the British shareholders. Similarly, under nationalisation the new shareholders, namely the Corporation, would not themselves own the overseas holdings. Where an overseas company and a scheduled British company are joint partners in an overseas subsidiary, the Government's partner would become majority at the association with a nationalised industry.

The British Corporation has power to divest itself of any subsidiary assets of the nationalised companies. It has been indicated that this will be done only sparingly, but unofficial quarters here felt that some of the overseas assets might be publicly candidates for disposal.

Model Farm For Canton

Canton, October 30.

Canton is to have a big and modern model farm. It is located here. The farm is to be established in the suburbs of the city by the Provincial Government.

The farm is to cover 2,000 acres and will take extensive use of mechanised equipment. Latest farming techniques are also to be used to improve agricultural production. Farming experiments carried out here will, it is understood, be extended to other parts of the Province so as to improve agricultural yields generally.

Another step to improve Kwangtung crops has been taken by the Farmers' Bank which has allocated £100,000 for the purchase of high quality seeds for distribution to farmers early next year. Responsibility for the successful working of this scheme rests with a Provincial Government Committee. The Provincial Government and the Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture have between them contributed more than £50,000 towards this seed buying project.

At the same time it is reported that the Government authorities have earmarked £500,000 for winter cultivation loans to Kwangtung farmers.—Reuters.

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Stalin's Statements Denied

London, October 29.

The Foreign Office spokesman today formally denied the two statements made yesterday by Generalissimo Stalin in an interview he gave to the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda.

Though it is not the practice of the Foreign Office to comment on pronouncements by the head of foreign governments, the two inaccuracies in Mr. Stalin's statement called for a denial, the spokesman said.

First the spokesman denied that binding agreement was contained in the four-power directive on August 30 to the Military Governors in Berlin.

He said that the decisions forthwith in the directive relating to the lifting of the Berlin blockade and the circulation of the Soviet mark throughout Berlin under four-power supervision were "subject to agreement being reached" on technical details by the Military Governors.

Such agreement had, in fact, never been reached, he added.

Secondly, he denied that the four powers had ever reached agreement during the recent Security Council debate on the Berlin blockade.

The Western Powers had agreed among themselves, but at no stage did they reach agreement with the Soviet delegation, the spokesman asserted.

He added that Mr. Stalin's condemnation of the "Security Council's 'Six Neutral Powers' as aggressors had surprised the British Government in view of the six powers' untiring efforts to secure a compromise under the leadership of Dr. Juan Bramuglia, the Argentine Foreign Minister.—Reuters.

Socialists On Top

New Delhi, October 30.

The French Embassy said yesterday that pro-French Socialists won victories in municipal elections on Sunday in three French cities of Southern India.

The Embassy said complete official results showed the Socialists captured all 102 seats of the Municipal Assembly in Pondicherry, the capital of French India. In Karikal, the Socialists took 64 seats to 10 for the All India Congress Party, which advocated the joining of the French soil to the Dominion of India.

In Yanam, one Socialist faction won nine seats and another, three.

In Mahe, another town of French India, municipal elections are still to be held, three Indians voting against French rule temporarily seized control last week-end. The French announced on Thursday they had re-established their authority.

The municipal assembly will at a date later for a plebiscite on the future of French India.—Associated Press.

Stalin Dominates The Front Pages In Russia

Moscow, October 29.

The Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, today joined Premier Stalin's denunciation of the West with an editorial charging that "international reaction . . . is cherishing criminal plans for precipitating a new world war."

All newspaper front pages were dominated by Premier Stalin's statement in answer to a written Pravda interview, but there was no leading editorial bearing directly on the Premier's words.

Instead, the papers devoted the editorial space to comments on the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Communist Youth Organisation.

The Pravda editorial said: "The young generation actively participates in the whole people's struggle for Communism. But while engaged in socialist construction our youth, like all people, do not forget for one minute the needs of international relations which are cherishing criminal plans for precipitating a new world war."

The editorial said remembering the Soviet Union would spare no efforts in its labour and economic advancement, and added that the Soviet Union was working for the maintenance of peace.

Inspiration

Commenting on Premier Stalin's interview concerning the horrors of war, Pravda said: "These words of Comrade Stalin will inspire the youth of our country."

UK EXPORTS TO HONG KONG

London, October 28.

British exports to Hong Kong in September maintained their increase in value both over pre-war average and September last year.

The following are the main exports, figures being for pre-war average, September, 1947 and September, 1948 respectively: Woolen and worsted yarns: £17,516; £284,552; £269,713; manufactures of textiles: £10,703; £37,504; £96,845. Chemicals showed a drop over last year but are still more than double pre-war: £40,600; £143,337; £99,811. Paper and cardboard: £4,618; £44,418; £18,154. Vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft: £1,632; £76,166; £86,034.

FRENCH STRIKE HALTS PASSENGER TRAINS

Paris, October 29.

The Ministry of Public Works tonight directed the French railway authorities to cancel a considerable number of passenger trains from next Wednesday until further notice, it was announced by the Railway Administration.

A Transport Ministry spokesman said that 28 out of 34 coal ships in French ports were held up because of the dockers' refusal to handle imported coal.

A cold spell, with a sharp Northeast wind, tonight caught many Parisians without central heating in their apartments because of the 27-day old miners' strike.

The temperature at 6.00 p.m. GMT was seven degrees Centigrade. It is expected that the minimum to be registered during the night would be zero. The Meteorological Office predicted a cold weather spell until next Monday.

Technicians of the French broadcasting network went on strike for two hours at 7.00 GMT tonight. A spokesman for the technicians said: "We have gone

on strike because our demands which were made in June have not been satisfied."

The French National Radio network went off the air when the strike began. The radio resumed transmission shortly before 8.00 p.m. GMT but only recorded music was played.

Radio Headquarters in Paris were inundated with telephone messages as to the cause of the break.

Last Pit Taken

In the Loire region, engineers took possession today of the last pit occupied by strikers. Engineers who descended into the important Couriol pit at St. Jeanne after it was cleared earlier today found that damage was less than had been expected.

Mr. Paul Rannaud, the Minister of Defence, said today that he and such hopes of an improved situation beginning next week in the strike-bound coalfields that he return of troops to their garisons within a short time could be already foreseen.

He said at the moment no resistance was being shown and the lack to work tendency was growing.

A spokesman of the Ministry of the Interior said tonight that the Government now holds 7 per cent of all pits in the Loire Basin are in police hands. Troops were unloading coal today at La Pallice, Dieppe and Cherbourg. No coal was unloaded at any other French port.

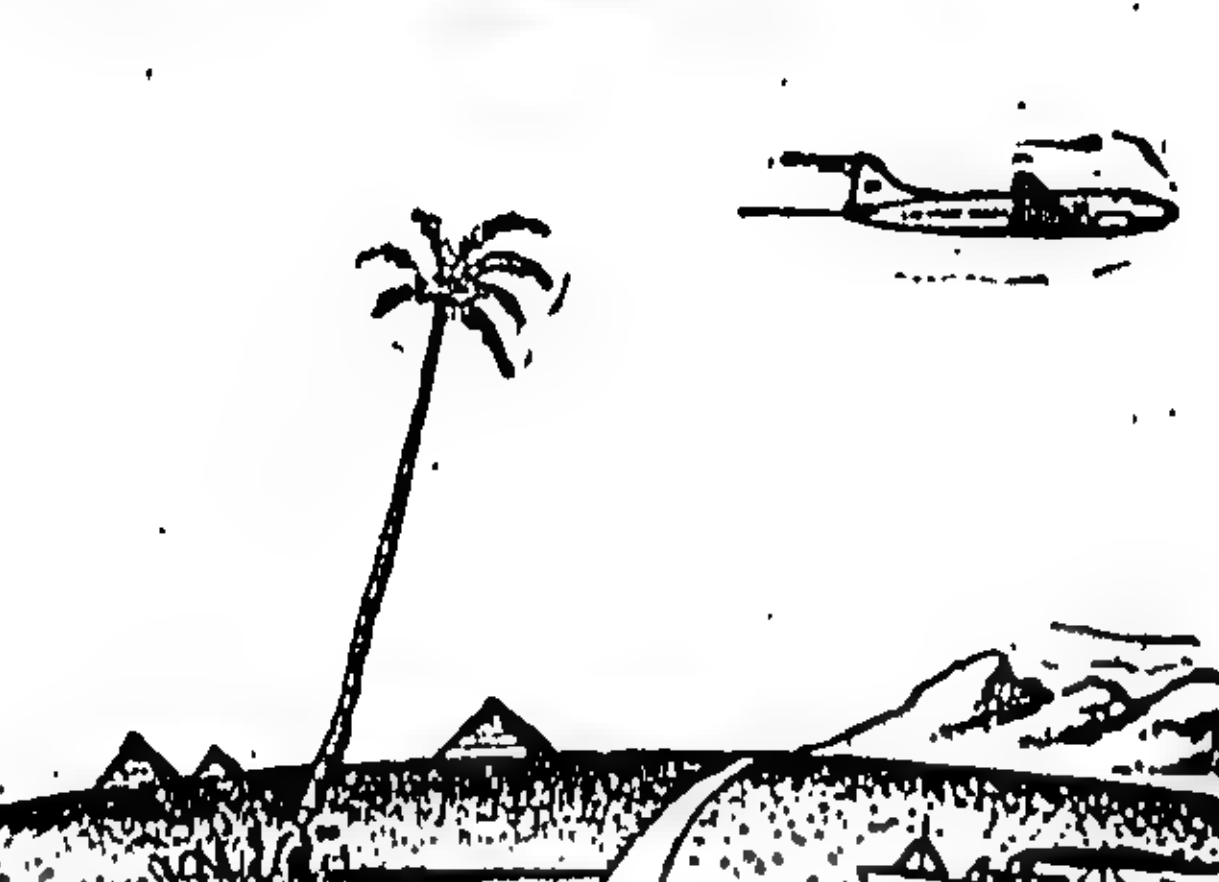
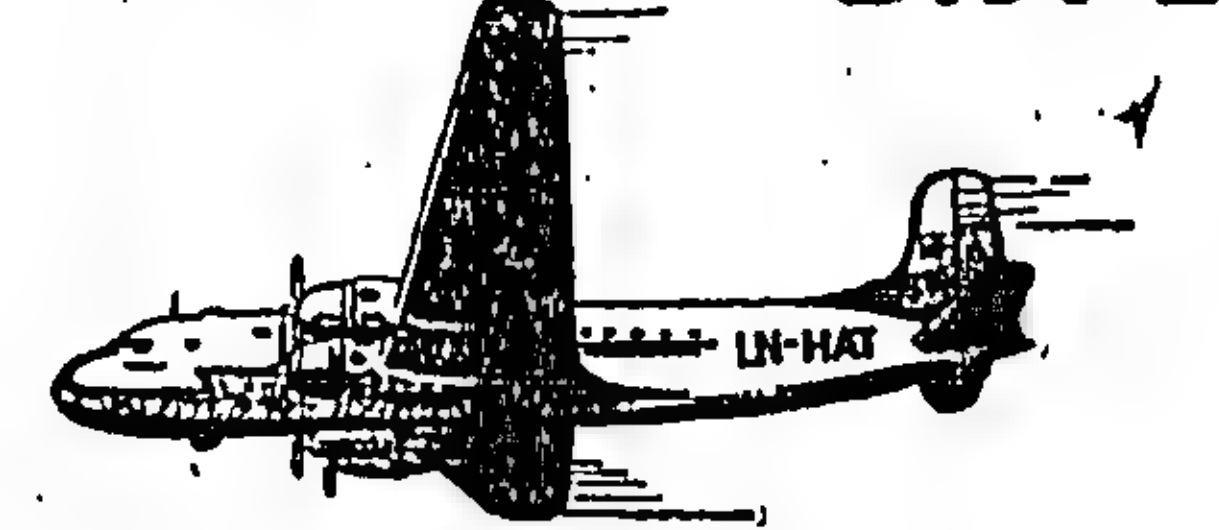
Attempts to halt the movement of coal trains brought no results and coal trains are running to schedule.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport tonight announced the suspension of two National Railway directors "on account of the incompatibility between the exercise of their functions and an appeal issued to the railway workers aimed at preventing the functioning of the railways."

Return To Work

The non-Communist labour Force Ouvriere informed the French Premier, M. Henri

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MAJOR BATTLES SAID RAGING IN MANCHURIA

JAPANESE TO ATTEND I.F.A.O. MEETING

Washington, October 30. The Japanese government will be invited to send observers to a meeting of the International Food and Agricultural Organisation in Washington beginning on November 15.

This was learned exclusively from a diplomatic source as preparations went ahead for the 5th annual conference on the world food production and nutrition problem.

Japanese observers will be invited to attend along with representatives of the American occupation forces in Japan.

The Japanese at the conference presumably will be provided with information on the operation and aims of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Agency for their guidance in deciding whether Japan wishes to join the organization after the peace treaty is signed.

A similar invitation has been sent to Germany and Korea already has been invited, the source said.

One of the big topics of the meeting will be consideration of a site for the organization's first Far East office. Suggestions already made include Mexico or Bangkok in Burma, Shanghai or Nanjing in China, Cebu in the Philippines, Manila in the Philippines, Bangkok and Singapore—Associated Press.

Poiping, October 30. Chiang Kai-shek's spokesman in North China countered Red claims of a major disaster for the Nationalists in Manchuria with a statement that the opposing armies there are locked in major battles which may be decisive.

The Communist North Shensi radio said five Nationalist armies have been totally disposed of in the Tahushan-Heishan area, 70 miles west of Mukden.

If this report is true the Nationalists in the Mukden-Yingkow corridor would be gravely threatened and any possible government withdrawal from Mukden nipped in the bud.

The Red radio said the defeated armies included two divisions of the New First and two divisions of the New Sixth armies, both American trained and equipped. The Red radio undoubtedly proclaimed "Sea of Victory" over the "Floods and men" in a major victory.

Foreign information in Poiping took the view the Red must have scored some sort of success, though possibly not quite to the extent portrayed. Those sympathizing with the Nationalists are frankly worried.

Air Lines Leave

Late last night the Chinese Air Force ordered commercial airlines as a safety measure not to leave any planes overnight in Mukden. CNAC and CACTI limited their staffs and ground personnel until further notice and CACTI's CAT withdrew most of its men before dark, pulling out the remaining personnel after midnight. Some reports said guerrillas are operating less than two miles north of the city.

Fears that Mukden might go at any minute apparently were based on rumours. Nationalist troops there are wavering and might submit to the Reds.

Pleasant foreign reports described the situation around Mukden and the city is not likely to hold out for more than a week. The American, British and French delegates are remaining there.

General Teng Wen Yi, spokesman of the Ministry of National Defence, said in Poiping the Nationalists would fight every effort to hold the city of Mukden, the port of Yingkow and the Peiping-Mukden railway zone.

Footholds

He described them as "footholds" for future Nationalist expansion in Manchuria.

General Teng, who flew here two days ago from Mukden, said the two sides would struggle in major decisive battles as the public would see. The present struggle was one of international consequence—not one merely between two Chinese political parties, he said.

He said the struggle had world character and Chinese civilians know the stake is democracy. They must abandon their former attitude of indifference to war as if they were simply a third party of neutrals, he said.

General Teng said the Nationalists in North China had five to eight times more combat power than the Reds.

Red Claims

The Red radio, in its broadcast yesterday, claimed the defeat of Nationalist armies totaling 12 divisions, which would be 120,000 men at full strength.

It said prisoners included six divisions of American-made equipment, ammunition and other supplies were captured.

The radio said the Nationalist armies in Manchuria suffered a total of 300,000 casualties in the last two weeks.

President Chiang Kai-shek now and left only nine divisions in the Mukden-Yingkow area and 11 second Chinese which commands the port of Hulian, concluded by a report.

The Government report said the Reds made a swift descent towards Mukden and attacked from positions only five miles to the north. The Reds surged toward Mukden after encircling and passing Tieling, Nationalist position 40 miles to the northeast.

Battle City

One report described the Mukden as a battle city. It said there were troop movements through the streets, private touch of new tanks and newspapers have stopped publishing and crowds are besieging airline offices for passages.

Other dispatches said some government personnel in Mukden are gathering for evacuation and this has created great excitement among the inhabitants.

One dispatch hinted the Nationalists are going to withdraw.

Making Some Pocket Money

Canton, October 30. A big depot for the forging of gold yuan notes was uncovered when the local police made a sudden swoop on certain premises here, according to a local report.

Over 250,000 worth of forged Gold Yuan notes were discovered on the premises as well as a quantity of spurious Customs Gold Unit notes.

More than 20 people were arrested—Reuters.

from Mukden. "Before Ying-kow harbour becomes icebound it will have to be utilized to the utmost," the dispatch said.

Manchuria's important battles are being fought in the corridor area between the port of Hulian and Hsianmu, 35 miles west of Mukden.

Some reports estimated altogether 100,000 men are involved on both sides—Associated Press.

Chinese Opera's Future Considered To Be Dim

Poiping, October 30.

The Chinese opera, of which this city is the traditional home, is fast losing its popularity among the people.

The themes of loyalty to a prince or emperor, and the virtues of feudal times, which so often appear in Chinese operas, have more than anything else accounted for its growing unpopularity.

Many people here, particularly the student and intellectual groups, feel that this is out of touch with the times. Another favourite opera theme is that of the widow who would rather keep her honour by remaining loyal to her dead husband than marry. This theme is ridiculed.

The former custom is ridiculed. Very few new people are now choosing the opera field as a profession. Training for the opera in China takes anywhere from even to 10 years, incurring expenses which very few prospective students could afford.

High Expenses

Many opera companies have been forced to go out of business. Each company must have a minimum of between 30 and 40 actors, besides musicians, group leaders and stagehands. These companies have suffered heavy losses because of the financial uncertainties of present-day China.

The prose drama has made inroads into the popularity of the opera, especially among the student and intellectual classes. The prose drama first came into its own after the May 4, 1919 incident, during which a roar of protest spread throughout China against having its delegates to the League of Nations sign the peace treaty as long as Japan remained in the Chinese province of Shantung.

These plays were one medium used to arouse the people. Today, this art form is being used to a certain extent in depicting the political and social problems of China.

Foreign and Chinese films are also drawing large audiences away from the opera. Movie

Fists Fly In Food Queues In Shanghai

Shanghai, October 30.

The ramifications of the Berlin airlift and the West Coast Longshoremen's strike combined today with Communist successes and increasing decline of the Gold Yuan on the black market to make Shanghai a city of fighting, brawling citizenry using their fists to win upfront places in queues for food.

The growing grip of the Chinese Red expansion of the shipments of staples from the interior and the bitter feud between Shanghai's "Tiger Hunter" Major General Chiang Ching-kuo and Central Government officials in Nanjing over the lifting of restrictions clamped down on August 19, have left rice bins and pork markets empty. Noodle factories are closing daily. Bread is almost a forgotten item in stores.

A midnight trip around the Chinese sections of the city revealed that long lines were already forming, waiting for the shops to open at 8 a.m. or later. If they open at all. Flats fly in arguments over who stands first in line. An increasingly common sight is that of Chinese men and women falling away around the closed, locked shop doors.

Travelling food counters which set up shop nightly on the sidewalks in all parts of the city have almost completely disappeared.

The great Hongkew market, which normally supplies thousands and thousands of Chinese with pork and noodles, closed shop which not long ago bulged with goods are now empty. At 5:30 a.m. today a visit to the Hongkew market saw a milling, angry mob battling to get what few pounds of fresh meat were available. Fresh vegetables have not been seen for three weeks.

Shopkeepers, market operators, wholesalers, bankers and other businessmen lay the blame on Chiang Ching-kuo for his stubborn resistance to Government officials' plans to unfreeze prices and let all but a few rationable commodities keep their own price levels.—United Press.

Royal Gardener Gives Evidence

Bangkok, October 20.

A gardener employed at the Siamese Royal Palace, told the Royal murder trial court today that he saw the accused, Lieutenant Vajirachul, run down the stairs soon after the firing of the shot that killed King Ananda in his bedroom two years ago.

Vajirachul, who was secretary to Prince Phumyong, ex-Premier of Siam, was alleged by the prosecution to have fired the shot.

Both were believed to have escaped from Siam after last November's seizure of power by the present Premier, Marshal Sanguan.

The gardener, Yong Anan, was the fourth witness to testify that Vajirachul was seen in the precincts of the Palace immediately after the shot was fired.

He said he was trimming a tree in the Palace compound just opposite the Royal bedroom at the time.—Reuters.

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Festival Will Tell Britain's Story To The World

London, October 30.

Plans were announced today for a Festival of Britain, to be held in 1951.

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The transformation of London into a festival city with elaborate flood lighting, fountains and fireworks, a central exhibition on the Thames South bank, special architectural show, a travelling exhibition for the provinces, and an eight week celebration of music, ballet and films, are among the plans.

The Festival, throughout the length and breadth of England, Scotland and Wales, in the cities and in the provinces, will tell the story of British life, of British people at work and play, of British discovery, invention and design.

General Barry, Festival director general, said: "This festival will present a coherent and imaginative picture of British achievement."

Defence Tour By Monty

London, October 30.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chairman of the Western Union Commissioners-in-Chief, will visit Defence Ministers and Army headquarters in France and the Low Countries next month.

After a short tour in the British zone of Germany, Viscount Montgomery will be in the Netherlands from November 8 to November 11, Belgium from November 12 to 14, Luxembourg from November 20 to 21 and France from November 22 to 24.

The announcement from the Brussels Treaty Permanent Commission in London said the trip would be purely routine.—Associated Press.

ments, past, present and to come. It is not intended to be a trade fair. We shall concentrate on quality instead of quantity.

Year Of Fun

"The central exhibition in London will be housed in newly developed fabric structure, using new materials and new shapes, and a bright and gaily coloured modern city will rise in 1951 on this site on the Thames bank."

"The Festival year is to be a year, above all, of gaiety, festivity, of the fun and games which the better circumstances of the last few years have denied us," said Barry.

"We shall do our best to see that the means of gaiety exist—open air cafes, flowers, fireworks, fountains, pageantry, sport and entertainment. The year 1951 should be a year of fun, fantasy and colour in which we can for once let ourselves go."

Alion Idea

General Lord Ismay, chairman of the Festival Executive set up in April this year following the announcement of the Government's decision to celebrate the centenary of the 1851 Great Exhibition, said:

"Since the original announcement, the international sides have darkened and there is much uncertainty in the minds of men. As a result there may well be some who, when they hear the Festival plans, will ask whether the whole project should not be dropped altogether or at least postponed."

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RHODES.
If you want to know if the United Nations' Mediation Mission on Palestine is likely to find an answer to the Jewish-Arab dispute, I'll hand you over to the new Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, who will tell you.

"Listen, I'm a married man with three kids. I love my family and I love my home. Do you think I'd be here if I didn't think there's a chance of us finding peace?"

Thus, Ralph Bunche, 44 years old, 15-stone, broad-shouldered American, successor to Count Bernadotte, reassured by Jewish terrorists in Jerusalem. He knows the risks he is taking every hour of every day he spends in Israel and Jewish Jerusalem. He figures those risks worth while. There's your answer.

Dr. Bunche smiles often, his brown eyes warm. He smiled when he told me at his quarters at the Hotel des Buses here: "So far I've only been attacked by the Jewish Press—so far." But those brown eyes can harden. The big man can get tough. His U.S. Marine adjutant, no baby face himself, told me: "That Bunche can get tough. Brother, when he is crossed you stay out of his way."

But life has always been a tough business for Bunche, grandson of a slave, Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts, whose few post has brought high honours to his name.

Born in Detroit, raised in Los Angeles, Dr. Bunche followed a brilliant academic career at the University of California with post-graduate studies in political science and international affairs at Harvard. Such academic glory doesn't come easily in the U.S. If you are a negro. Even now Bunche doesn't talk easily of his early days.

Then came spells at the University of Cambridge and at the London School of Economics, tours of the British, French and

Portuguese, African Colonies, of Malaya and Indonesia.

For a while he taught at the all-negro Howard University in Washington. He has been Chairman of its Department of Government since 1928.

When America came in to World War I Bunche stood out as an expert on the problems of coloured peoples. He joined the "Clunk and Banger" Office of Strategic Service and served as chief of the African section throughout General Eisenhower's North Africa campaign. Following a move to the State Department as colonial expert and a final transfer to the newly-formed United Nations Organisation in Director of the Trusteeship Division.

He came to Palestine as the \$5,000 a year specially-selected Secretary-General of Count Bernadotte's mission and as personal representative of Mr. Trygve Lie, Nobel Laureate, based over 300 American, French, British and Swedish officers, "True Observers" 176 American, French and Swedish "other ranks" jeep drivers, clerks, and radio operators, and a civilian staff of nearly 200 including \$5,000 a year political and legal experts, \$2,000 a year executive and \$1,000 a year bilingual high-speed girl secretaries.

Under his "command" are the Mission's two white Dakotas and 14 lighter twin-engined communication planes, a French courier and four American deserters, and 74 jeeps.

All this is very nice—but near Dr. Bunche's table on the restaurant terrace of his hotel a tall basket of newly-cut wild flowers trembled in the breeze of the blue Mediterranean. The basket was on the table where Count Bernadotte's table

By J.L. HAYS

used to be set. It is also a reminder of the risks the United Nations' personnel take daily in Palestine. Since May 23, six Mission members have been killed and seven wounded.

And outside in the Hotel half Greek plain-clothes policemen with Colt 45 automatics in their hip pockets under smooth-fitting summer suits coldly eye all who move through the swaying doors. In the gardens, among the palm trees and purple bougainvillee, Greek gendarmes in British Army khaki drill clump heavily in British Army boots—with British Army pistols in their holsters.

It was only a series of delays—damage to the tail of his plane and the detention for four hours by Jewish immigration officials at Haifa airport of his British Secretary, 28-year-old blonde Mrs. Dorcas Daugherty—which prevented Dr. Bunche from making a rendezvous with Count Bernadotte the day he was killed. Over two hours late, Dr. Bunche was unable to take his usual car seat at Count Bernadotte's right hand. It was tough and go for Bunche—and it is likely to go on being tough and go.

He is a hard worker. The lights burn in his hotel office late each day's dawn. In four and a half months he has flown over 300 hours in the Mission's planes, crossed the Atlantic three times and visited every Arab capital and Tel Aviv.

Chain-smoking, stubbing at his ash tray, hunched up in his dark, conservative suit, his single-colour tie awry, Bunche has driven his Mission at full speed all through the tragic period in which its morale could have been seriously shaken.

Whatever he finally achieves in Palestine it won't be for want of trying—and he has already achieved the unanimous affection and respect of all the Mission members irrespective of nationality and rank.

LUCKY EIGHT TO JOIN POLAR PIONEERS

By GRAHAM STANFORD

How about a £400-a-year job, "all found," in the icy wastes of the Antarctic, where you live like the huskies on seal and caribou penmanship in a winter temperature of minus 20 degrees?

More than 500 men jumped at the chance and applied for these jobs when they were advertised by the Colonial Office. Today the eight chosen men are sailing away in the survey ship John Biscoe to blaze a new British trail in the much-disputed "No Man's Land" of Antarctica.

Good sailing in these Polar pioneers. They have gone to join a fine band of nearly 50 men who keep the British flag flying in ice-bound outposts and who, unknown to most, bring safety to shipping by their weather information.

They are all members of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, which in five years' hard but unglamorous work has established

seven British bases in the key link of South Atlantic islands which fringe the Antarctic continent.

Nothing lives or grows on these snow and ice-bound isles, but winter and summer the outposts are manned by small parties of British meteorologists, geologists, and radio operators. Their average age is 26.

They study the weather; investigate the mineral possibilities; provide valuable information for the British whaling industry, and map a little more of the Antarctic. Sometimes they find themselves working on the same islands as missions from the Argentine and Chile. They have contact, but they work alone.

The good ship John Biscoe, now headed for Montevideo, is to make a survey of all the dependencies, taking out supplies and the eight men who will relieve personnel at the island outposts.

It also hopes to establish a new and important base on unknown Alexander Land, on the verge of the Antarctic mainland, and if this

is accomplished it will be a bumper season for the men of the Survey.

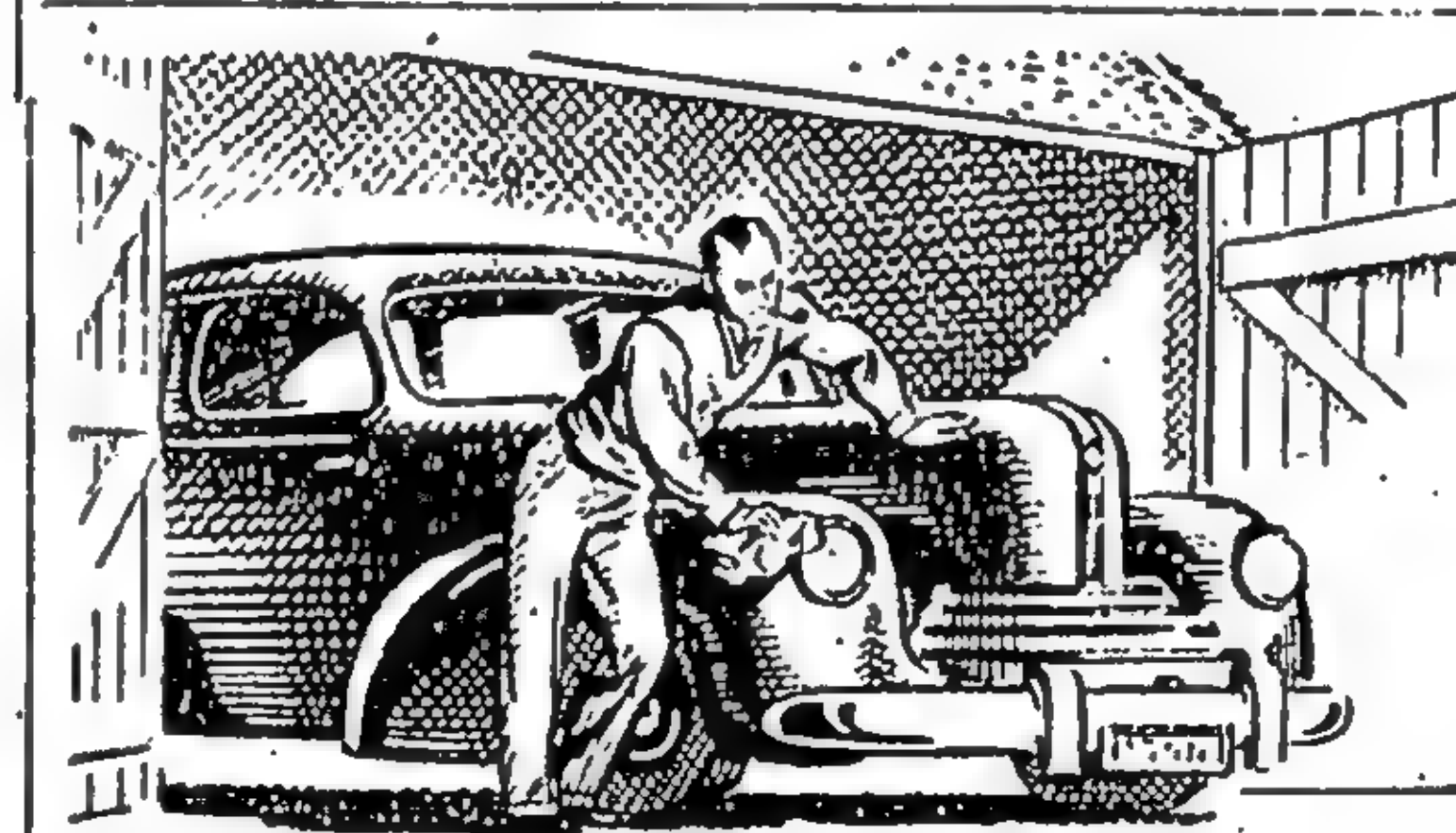
Ice-packs will make landing hazardous, but 31-year-old Major K. S. Pierce-Butler, leader of the relief party, tells me he's determined to do it.

While studying the surveys live largely on tinned pemmican powdered into a concentrated meat form. It has a high fat content of about 4,300 calories a day, but you need that in a winter temperature of minus 30 to minus 42 Centigrade.

A Seven-Day Week

These Polar pioneers spend between 18 to 30 months on the Survey and many of them want to go back. They take it in turns to cook and have on duty in charge of the dogs who haul sleds for the huskies. The dogs, brought from Labrador, pull 120lb. per sledge and seem to love it.

One small aircraft will help in laying depots for the party at Alexander Land and will also do reconnaissance work on glaciers.



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JAPANESE NEED WATCHING

By

RICHARD HUGHES

Secretly organised by two militarists, a strong and dangerous Japanese youth movement has deliberately disclosed its existence and openly claimed a picked membership of 120,000.

It is called the Imperial Service Corps (Mikumi Hoshi-Dan) and, its organisers profess, is dedicated to cleaning up the garbage, moving the lawn, tending the vegetables and feeding the goldfish in the Imperial Palace grounds in Tokyo.

More than 250 branches of the movement, it is revealed, are spread throughout the country. Membership comprises mainly middle-class farmers, 7,000 teachers, students, police and ex-servicemen.

All are described as "unpaid volunteers" and have ostensibly enrolled to perform only humble labour duties for an unspecified period—ranging from one to three months—in the hidden 500 acres of garden and farm-lands inside the palace moat.

Each member must pass a physical examination at the village headquarters of the Corps and receives an identification card.

Mysterious Fund

The movement is financed from some mysterious fund, as the members receive no pay or expenses from the Imperial Household or any Government source while they work in the Palace.

The two founders and organisers are Shun Hasegawa, chief secretary in the old discredited Higashikuni Cabinet, and Munaji Kagayama, former official in the Greater East Asia Academy.

Both are notorious militarists and fanatical devotees of the Emperor system.

Hasegawa began secretly to organise the Imperial Service

Corps in his native town in the Kurihar district as early as December, 1943, using as cover the need to find 200 gardeners for the Imperial Palace.

Kagayama joined him in April 1947 and travelled widely throughout rural areas, appointing local committees, organising recruiting and arranging finance.

It is now disclosed that the membership of the Corps has grown from 14,000 last year to 120,000 this year.

One Tokyo Corps official said candidly today that the Emperor's tours of inspection have speeded up enlistments in every district which he has visited during the past twelve months.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Since your window—or at any rate mine—may soon be fogbound, I have cheering news from Correspondent Geoffrey Barker, New York, who says that a man-made lightning flash, over three thousand times more intense than the light of the sun, will be used in "this foggiest place in the world."

By

JASPAR SAYER

this autumn in experiments to make safe landings possible in the thickest fog.

The experiments are being made by the U.S. Air Force at the Landing Aid Experimental Station in Arcata, California. The lightning-flash equipment consists of one battery of 36 intensely bright lights, and a second battery of 36, slightly less bright. Each lamp in the battery is a four-inch long tube filled with the rare gas, Krypton. When it

glows it gives off an illumination of ten million candle power to the square inch, an intensity which is ten times that of the sun. The lamps are fitted with reflectors and magnifiers which will step up illumination to more than three thousand three hundred million (3,300,000,000) candle power for each lamp. The batteries will stretch for two-thirds of a mile and will flash on and off as the aircraft approaches, indicating the direction of the runway. The pilot is expected to see the signals clearly at 1,000 feet in visibility—no fog, and to be able to land with the help of his instrument landing

lights. The experiments are successful, the lightning-flash system would be much more simple to handle and more economical than Britain's "Fido," a wartime invention involving the consumption of huge quantities of petrol for illuminating fogbound runways.

The Swiss Office of Statistics claims that a "divorce wave" is sweeping across Europe. Correspondent Hugo Kuranda, from Zurich, points out that though Switzerland is leading in prosperity and general living standards, these are not automatically safeguarding against unhappy marriages. In fact in Zurich, richest city in Switzerland, and indeed in Continental Europe, one in every nine marriages goes on the rocks. Britain, according to the Swiss statistics is well among the first half dozen countries. The lowest divorce rate in 1947 was recorded in Western Germany (no figures were available from the Russian Zone). This was largely due to the fact that with the security of marriageable men on the "market," German women held on grimly to what they have

Europe, love and jealousy still easily hold first place, next comes unbearable temper of one partner, drunkenness, and only in the fourth position stands money.

He Was Angry

If you think that the average school teacher leads a quiet and uneventful life, take a look at Turkey. Correspondent Edward Howe, at Istanbul, tells me that in Turkey they lead a distinctly dangerous life, particularly in examination time. A student at the Haydarpaşa Lycee in Istanbul recently fired two shots with a revolver at his physics teacher. Fortunately he was a bad shot and missed. He was angry because the master would not let him know if he had passed his exam. Now he will have to await the result in prison.

Japan's New Rich

From schoolmasters to millionaires, Tokyo Correspondent Richard Hughes says that a list of the "New Japanese Rich" just released, showing more than 470 million yen each a year.

One of the gentlest, who officially operates a humble paste factory, is included, despite his ill-tempered objections, among the leading ten income-earners.

The scope and variety of the occupations of the 50 millionaires best illustrates the versatility, industry, and independence which Occupation policies and democratic ideas have encouraged in the New Japan. Nine are listed as textile manufacturers, ten as textile brokers, eleven as publishers, ten as timber contractors (subject, alas, to strong temptation on the black market), eight as fish and candle dealers, four as rubber dealers, two as leather brokers and two as money lenders.

Of this 58, 13 have no filed income-tax returns at all, seven relatively honest entrepreneurs have filed "approximate" returns, which have finally been hammered into agreement with taxation estimates, and only four have submitted original returns which have "even resembled the fair and moderate assessments of the taxation office" (to quote the sorrowful comment of the Finance Ministry).

Britain Leads

Ultimate aim of the Survey is to chart every mile of land; to find out everything possible about the land, sea, and the weather in the Antarctic, and to establish British bases at all key points.

Copper has been found in some of the islands and there may be some oil. But so far minerals have not been discovered in substantial quantities.

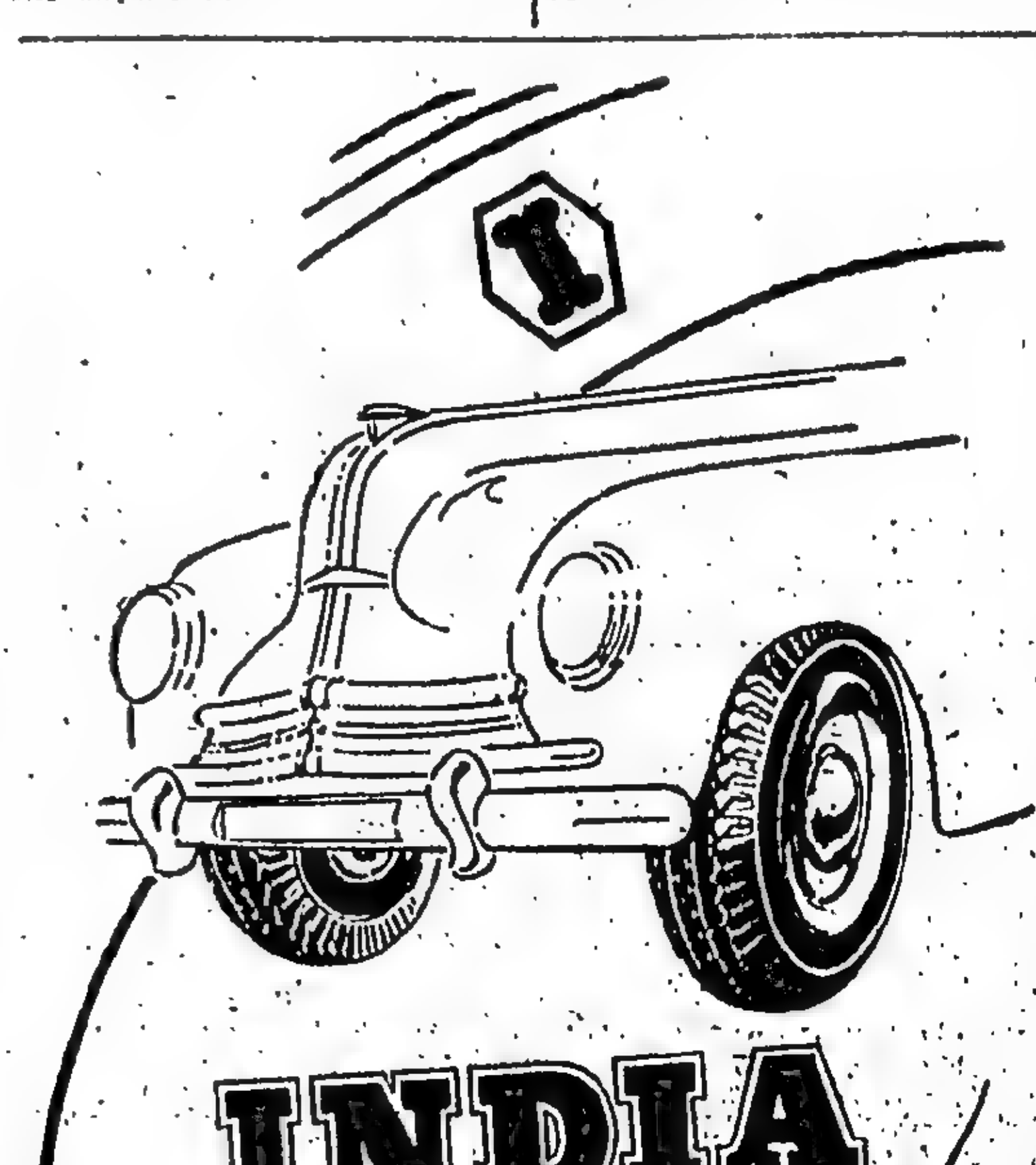
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UN COMMISSION URGES CONTINUATION OF KOREAN OCCUPATION

Lake Success, October 29.

The United Nations Commission today called for continuing military occupation of Korea until some procedure could be set up for "peaceful negotiation" between North and South Korea.

The eight-nation temporary commission said some such procedure must be arranged "before the military evacuation of occupying forces abandons Korea to the arbitrary rule of rival political regimes whose military forces might find themselves driven to internal warfare."

The report of the commission, which was submitted to the General Assembly in Paris, was simultaneously made public here.

The report described steps taken toward the establishment of a unified, independent government in Korea, but noted "the grim reality of divided Korea" and recommended that the General Assembly continue to concern itself with the Korean problem, seek the full co-operation of all member States and take such other steps as it may deem fit to bring about the attainment of national independence and unity of Korea.

The following is a brief summary of the report.

The Commission was denied access to the Soviet-occupied part of the country, but in the American Zone United States officials fulfilled "duties incumbent upon them as the occupying power."

Southern Zone elections were held in a reasonable degree of

free atmosphere and there was considerable evidence that the elected representatives were not subject to the control of any political party. The Government established by them is in the stages of assuming "in a progressive and orderly way," functions previously exercised by the United States occupation authorities.

Unity Needed

The Commission's report said that Korea would not be able, for some years, to support itself without outside help. The social, political and economic well-being of Korea depended on immediate unification, but efforts along these lines had failed largely due to the tension prevailing in the international situation, it added.

Nevertheless, the Seoul Government had provided a basis "from which it may be possible to proceed to unification by peaceful methods of negotiation, at least in the economic field, where such unity is of vital importance."

All Koreans want unification, the report said. The regime in the North was set up arbitrarily by steps which were not under international observation, while the one in the South resulted from elections supervised by the Commission.

Although the Commission stressed the need for unification, it made no specific recommendations, feeling the task of defining methods for peaceful relations between the rival governments would be futile "as long as the opposing ideologies and policies to which they subscribe continue in opposition to each other as they do at present, with ever-increasing violence in all parts of the world where they confront each other."

The Commission considers its work not finished and reported that its main Committee, consisting of the Chinese alternate delegate Mr. T. Hsu and the Dutch alternate, would remain in Seoul for consultations with the Korean Government.—United Press.

Stuttgart Germans Riot Over High Living Costs

Stuttgart, October 30.

The German police said on Friday that they had found five known Communist sympathizers among 32 Germans arrested in Stuttgart on Thursday for rioting against German police and American soldiers.

This was disclosed by Herr Paul Frank, Commander of Stuttgart's German police. The police had reported earlier that there were no known Communists arrested.

Herr Frank emphasized, however, that he did not know whether political or criminal reasons inspired the rioting after a mass demonstration against the high cost of living.

He said there was much genuine resentment against high prices. Herr Frank quoted the district police chief of the riot area as expressing belief that "black marketeers tried to pit the masses against the police."

Five American military police and at least 12 Germans were injured in the rioting—the first clash of the German public with the American military since the war.

Herr Frank absolved Hans Stelter, Chief Spenser at the de-

monstration, of blame for the violence. He said that Stelter, Chairman of the local Trade Union Committee and member of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), "did not incite the crowd to riot."

Mr. Charles M. LaFollette, Military Governor of Württemberg Baden, declined to comment. An aide said, however, that Mr. LaFollette intended to report personally on the incident to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American Occupation Commander.

Dr. Hanns Klett, Lord Mayor of Stuttgart, said: "I think this demonstration was caused by high prices. I certainly have no proof that Communists started it." U.S. Army Captain Charles G. Ives, Provost for Stuttgart said: "Youths who led the crowd into a white fury. I do not know whether they were Communists or leftovers from the Nazi regime." —Associated Press.

Windfall For Schoolgirl

London, October 29.

An 11-year-old school girl has been left a fortune in a £355,851 will published today of the late Fred Bannister Wigfull, managing director of the Sheffield brewery.

The girl is his granddaughter, Elizabeth Wigfull. After payment of £190,034 death duties, legacies totalling £7,100 and an annuity of £5,000, she gets the residue on trust when she is 21. The remainder will go to any family she may have.—Reuter.

BRITISH WIVES FREE TO LEAVE

Warsaw, October 30.

A Polish government spokesman said yesterday that British wives of Poles are free to leave Poland whenever they wish.

The spokesman, Brigadier General Wiktor Gruz, denied reports said to have been published abroad that Poland refused to issue passports to British wives of Poles.

"The Polish government has absolutely no intention whatsoever of keeping any of these women in this country against their own will," Brigadier General Gruz said. He added that out of an estimated 1,000 British women who married Poles and came to Poland, only 25 had requested passports to return to the United Kingdom and more than 20 of these were promptly issued.—Associated Press.

Martial Law For All Greece

Athens, October 29.

The Greek Government tonight issued a decree extending martial law to the whole country from tomorrow. The Greek Army will take over the main highways and the main cities.

The Greek Government, in promulgating the decree, acted on a recommendation of the Minister of War, M. George Stratis, who has recently returned from a tour of Macedonia.

Martial law has hitherto been in effect only in the Attika-Borealia area (since the assassination last May of the Minister of Justice, M. Christos Ladas, and since last weekend in the Peloponnese, where guerrilla activity recently flared up).—Reuter.

Neither Prison Nor Exile Will Make President Resign

Lima, October 29.

The Right Wing revolution led by the Army today took control of Peru but failed to force President Jose Luis Bustamante to resign.

At 6.45 p.m. Senor Bustamante remained in the Presidential Palace. He said: "I have not resigned the legal Presidency of Peru and will not resign, regardless of whether I am imprisoned or forced into exile. I shall remain legal President until I leave the frontiers of the country."

According to rebel Army leaders, the President will be placed aboard a plane and sent to Buenos Aires tonight.

The two-day revolt has been bloodless so far. No violence was reported anywhere. The Palace was surrounded by troops who joined the revolt. They kept back the milling crowds of spectators.

A group of about 200 friends and associates gathered at the Palace to bid the President goodbye. He was applauded when he reiterated his determination not to resign, regardless of whether he was imprisoned or exiled.

"At seven p.m. Peru Radio announced in the name of the revolution, that Senor Bustamante no longer was President and that the Military Junta had taken over the Government."

Off The Air

Radio Nacional, the Government's broadcasting station, and Radio American went off the air at three p.m., reporting that the Ministry of the Interior and the police had ordered them to suspend operations.

Commanders of the Second Army Division based in Lima notified General Federico Huaride, Inspector General of the Army, that they no longer recognised the Government's authority because it planned to send Army and air forces to put down the revolt in the South, which would result in large-scale bloodshed.

The Division commanders demanded that President Bustamante surrender the Government to the Military Junta, but Senor Bustamante said the obligation of the Government was to destroy the seditious movement by all means at its disposal.

He added that the way to avoid bloodshed was for the rebels to surrender their arms. He said he had not wanted to be President in the first place, but the people had placed him there. He added that he had a deep sense of responsibility and would not resign.

Heavy Odds

Luggage from the President's quarters in the Palace were being loaded into automobiles at 5.30 p.m. However, although the Palace still claimed that Senor Bustamante had not resigned, many observers in Lima believed the odds had become very heavy against him from the moment the local garrison joined the revolt.

It was rumoured that General Manuel Odría, leader of the Southern rebels, was en route from Arequipa to head the Military Junta as President. It was also rumoured that the Junta would probably include Marshal of Peru Eloy Uta and the Inspector General of the Army, General Hurtado.

Marshal Uta was Senor Bustamante's rival for the Presidency in the last election in June 1945.

There were no reports whether the Air Force or Navy also had turned against President Bustamante. Observers believed the Government here did not move faster to crush the Arequipa revolt because it feared to give the recently-outlawed anti-Communist Left Wing APRA Party a chance to stage a comeback.

Earlier, the rebels claimed control of a broad wedge of territory stretching 500 miles from the shores of Lake Titicaca, near the Bolivian border, to Huanenyo, only 140 miles East of Lima. They also claimed the key cities of Cuzco and Huancayo.

Personal Matter

The Government's Radio Nacional said that the real leader of the revolt was Pedro Beltran, former Ambassador to the United States, owner of the Right Wing newspaper La Prensa and wealthy cotton grower. It alleged that Senor Beltran plotted the revolt because of the effect Government import and exchange restrictions had on his personal fortune.

The broadcast claimed that President Bustamante, who for the past three years has followed a middle of the road policy between the anti-Communist APRA and the small but powerful and wealthy extreme Right Wing, continued to enjoy the loyalty of most of the Army.

A Government communication said loyal troops would begin operations to put down the revolt and would make use of the Air Force, one of the most powerful in South America.

Lima remained completely calm, with the public apparently taking only a detached interest in developments.—United Press.

FINNISH VISITORS IN ENGLAND

London, October 29.

An All-Party Finnish Parliamentary delegation will arrive in England on Sunday on a week's visit as guests of the British Parliament. The arrangements for their stay are being made by the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The ten members of the delegation will include the President of the Finnish Parliament and its Secretary-General. They will lunch with the Prime Minister, dine with the Foreign Secretary and with the Speaker of the House of Commons, visit Cambridge University, the City, the Mansion House, the Motor Show and other places of interest.—Reuter.

Friction In Discussion On Greece

Paris, October 30.

Mr. Lionel Chevrier of Canada told the United Nations Political Committee on Friday that "if Russia's views on the Greek question were accepted, 'the followers of the Soviet Union would take over Greece as it has taken over Poland and Czechoslovakia.'"

The Committee had approved over the Russian objections a proposal to continue discussing the report introduced by the U.N. Balkan Commission (UNSCOB) instead of switching over to disarmament subjects.

The Balkan report was criticised at length by Poland's Julius Katz Suchy who repeated the Russian bloc arguments that foreign interference in Greece is carried out by the United States and the United Kingdom and not by Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia as asserted by the Investigating Commission.

Mr. Chevrier, who supported the report together with the representatives of Turkey and Pakistan, asked Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vishinsky, who was not present "who are you to use the word conscience?"

He referred to a speech on Thursday by Mr. Vyshinsky contending "the observers are incompetent, the witnesses are liars and fools when they are not drunk."

The Political Committee recessed until the afternoon. It was discussing a joint resolution by the U.S., Britain, France and China recommending that Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania establish friendly relations with Greece.—Associated Press.

LEAFLET BOMB CAUSES PANIC

Rome, October 28.

A leaflet bomb exploded in Rome's central Piazza Colonna at the peak rush hour tonight, causing momentary panic among passers by.

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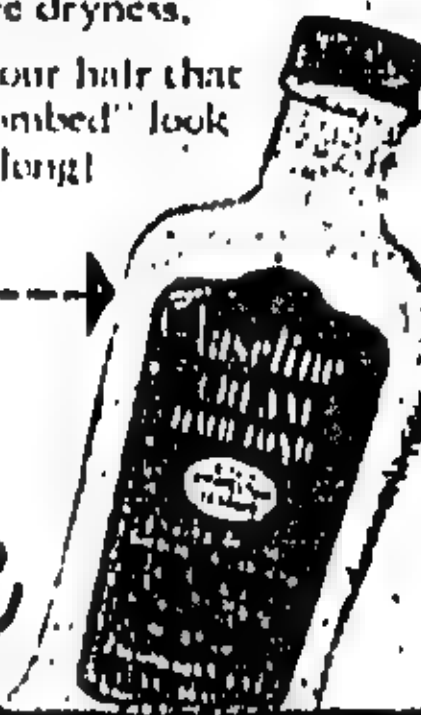
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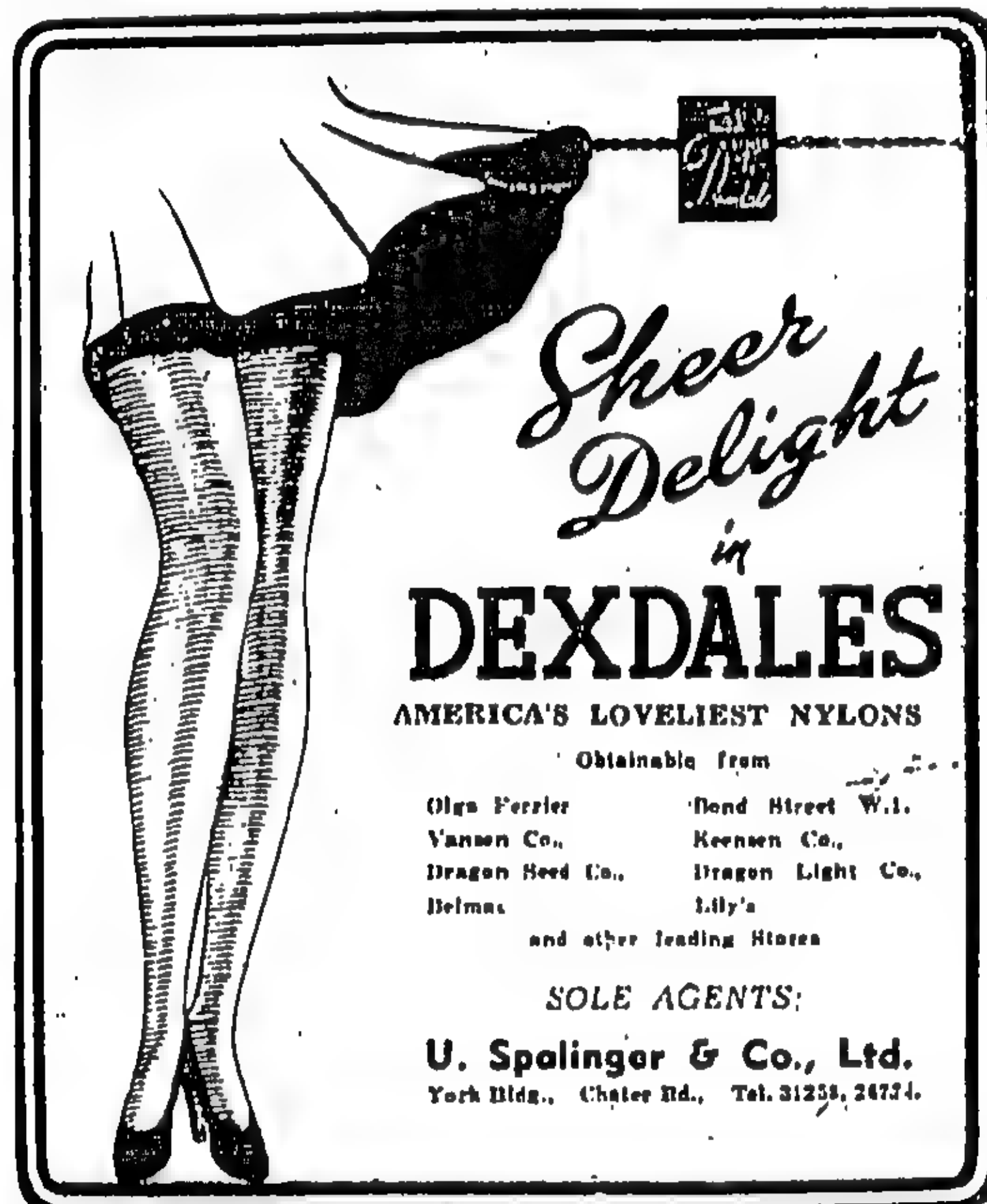
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(By CLAUDIA)

Now we are reaching the time of year when we have to decide on winter colour schemes... for complexion as well as for clothes. Are we to keep the golden glow of summer, or are we to go all milk and roses for the winter season?

The favourite shades of the season's fashions... the stepped down tones of taupe and mocha, the muted greys, the deep near-to-blacks... demand a creamy skin, with delicately tinted cheeks and rosy lips. They enhance the freshness of the milkmaid complexion, but against a tanned skin they appear dull, undecided, lose their subtlety and charm.

They are not the only shades on Fashion's winter palette, for there are the clearer, stepped-up tones, by way of contrast. These will be the choice for the girl who decides to keep her tan; the greens, stepped up through blue to tones of turquoise and peacock; the browns, stepped up by pink to coral and tomato tints; as well as the clearest of pale greys, the fresh greens and leaf browns.

In the event, it is the skin texture and the kind of life one leads, which will decide the issue. The outdoor girl, whose skin toasts to a golden brown will find enough winter sun to keep it so all the year round.

Her care will be to avoid the least suspicion of a weather-beaten look and now, between the hot summer sun and the chilly winter winds, she will give her skin an extra course of softening and nourishing. A weekly facial of the non-bleach variety will keep the skin fresh. A gentle massage, on alternate days, with a good skinfood will restore the natural oils of the skin which the sun and wind tend to dry out. On the other days, she will use a soothing complexion cream to keep the surface skin soft and supple. Her make-up will include a light, protective cream and will not be applied too heavily.

A Deep Tan

There is another type of skin which takes on a deep and almost ineradicable tan, for the tan penetrates through several layers of skin. Apart from an indoor life and a long, sunless winter, it is almost impossible to remove and, in my own opinion, the effort would be wasted, for it can look lovely all the year round if colour schemes are planned to enhance the rich skin tone.

This type of skin is often inclined to be a little greasy, but it still needs nourishment to avoid wrinkles. A light and not too oily night cream is the best skinfood and should be used alternately with a mild astringent complexion milk and lots of skin tonic.

The lighter skins, which tan with difficulty also lose their tan quickly as soon as the sun's rays have lost their strength. They tend to go a dull, muddy shade while the tan is fading, so it is as well to hasten the de-tanning process as much as possible. For the face and neck, there are effective bleaching masques which should be used not more than once a week and always applied to the neck as well as to the face. For night use, a milk bleaching cream may be used alternately with skinfood, but be sure never to use anything too drastic which irritates the skin or makes it smart.

Efficient Means

The most efficient means of de-tanning the arms, back and shoulders so that they match the face, is also the most simple. First there is scrubbing, which helps to remove the outer layer of tanned skin, making way for the new, untanned layer which grows in its place. The outer skin is constantly renewing itself and a gentle scrubbing with rich foam soap and a soft nailbrush used in small, circular movements is one of the best beauty treatments for the skin at any time.

Then there is hydrogen peroxide, the most well known of all bleaching agents. A five per cent. solution may be applied neat or, if the skin is very sensitive, diluted with an equal quantity of water. Dab on, all over the arms and back and leave until dry, then wash off gently with soap and water and smooth in a little cold cream.

If the skin begins to smart or tingle, the peroxide should be washed off immediately. A slice of fresh lemon, rubbed gently over the skin is another excellent bleaching agent. Lemon juice is an old-fashioned remedy for keeping the skin soft and white, and one of the best. It can be made from fresh cucumbers and will keep indefinitely. Wash unpeeled cucumbers, grate and press. The juice is heated, strained, and bottled for 15 minutes, then cooled and filtered. Let stand for 12 hours and filter through an old, clean cotton cloth until clear.



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by VICTOR MANAK

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And what most of us wear proclaims "This is what I am" or, more frequently, "This is what I want you to think me." Feminine attire has for years, "Do look at me and please be unslayed if you are a man."

A language so universal cannot help revealing national traits and temporary fads. Foreign terms may be adopted, but are always adapted. A particularly startling mode is short-lived, like queer expressions of the "Skin off your nose" type.

From fidget to the newest look is a story of perennial attraction. For Eve's daughters and Adam's sons, no less because of the risk of looking exclusively human characteristics. Both add spice to our lives every single day. And, alas, poor benighted creatures, do not share our fun.

An expert on the subject of clothes only commands but of fashion. Among such experts Dr. Cunningham holds a distinguished place.

His impulsive purchase in 1922 of a Victorian dress displayed in the window of a Highgate's milliner, led to the formation of a collection of over 600 dresses, 63 hats and bonnets. Innumerable underclothes and accessories whose documentary value can be gauged from the fact that it was recently bought by the City of Manchester.

The Tailor-Made

What he writes deserves careful consideration. His pages tell us illuminating insights on history and manners. A main theme is the underrated importance of the English contribution to the white race's apparel. "If we were to attempt to delete," he states, "at what point the art of costume reached its apex in this country, it would be difficult to resist the claim of the years about 1870."

"The period was distinguished by the introduction of highly important ideas. The new style of the walking dress, the sport costume, and the 'tailor-made' then appearing as a distinctive style for the first time in the history of women's dress, marked a profound change in their social status and were, in fact, the only 'fashion' ideas contributed to feminine costume since the 14th century."

In addition, man's clothing had begun to shake itself free from the vestigial of the old "peacock" tradition, and, acquiring the "utility" note, of physical comfort—a homely but significant innovation. "It is worth noting that all these new ideas were contributed to this country, which we are so often told, always lags behind the others in the art of costume." Have, straightaway, if a challenging assertion. Do you agree?

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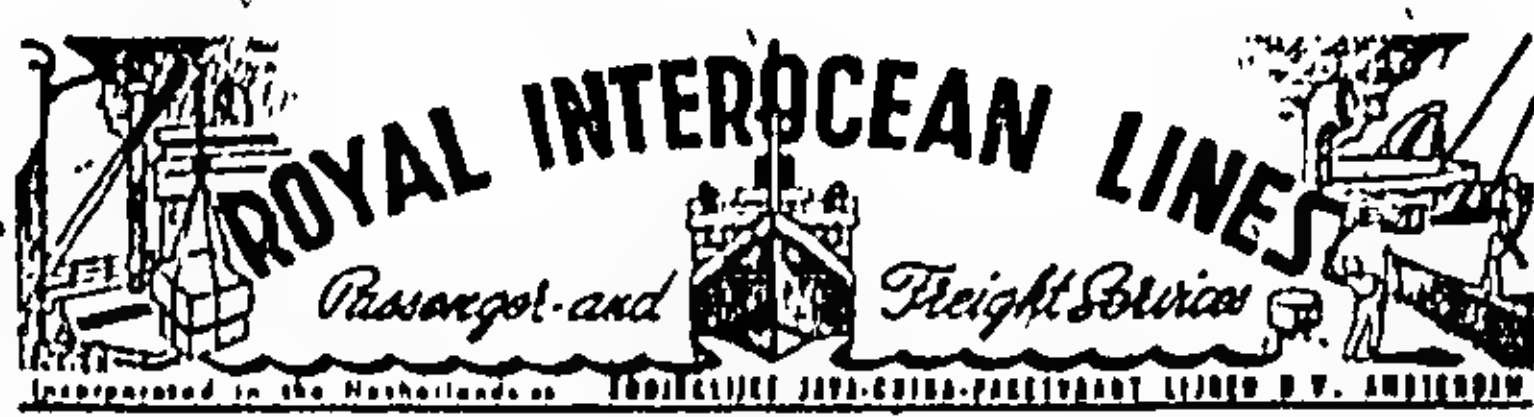
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Overseas Chinese money will stay away from China while Chinese capital already in China will seek "ingenious and often illegal means of escape to Hong Kong or other havens" so long as "chaotic" economic conditions prevail in China.

London Stock Exchange

The attention of London Stock Exchange dealers has been centred in iron and steel shares. Details of the Government's bill to nationalise the industry were published during the closing stages of the day.

Previously, trading in the London market was active. Prices showed a sharp upward movement as buyers hurried to cover in front of the announcement.

In other sections, business was small. The present trading period is deemed to be a close and busy one, mainly for the purpose of settling past transactions.

Unlisted stocks were mostly firm. It would appear that the steel industry in this section has been hit hard.

Industrial issues generally showed little change. However, and looking ahead, buyers are expected to be active in the steel industry.

Some support developed for the leaders in the oil market. Anglo-American formed about 8-1/2-16.

South African mining was active with Free State issues and even one of the listed shares of Anglo-American.

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A Feast and Cocktail Party in honour of Sir Menzies and Lady Le was given by the Committee and Members of the Chinese Recreation Club at C.R.C. yesterday. Among those present were the Hon. D. M. MacDougall, Hon. R. H. Todd, and Mr. J. J. Cowperthwaite. The Hon. D. M. MacDougall and Mr. Lee Yue-wing beat Mr. Wong Shul-wing and Mr. Lau Fok-ki in the final game of the Tournament. Lady Grantham presented the winners with the prizes. All the players who participated in the Tournament received a spoon.

Featherweight Champion Loses His Title

New York, October 30.

Sandy Saddler of Harlem, explosive young negro, wrested the world featherweight championship from Willie Pep last night. He won by a knock out after 2 mins. 38 secs. of the fourth round at Madison Square Garden.

Strike Spoils Table Tennis

London, October 29. Two thousand people who sought admission to a film studio near London to watch an exhibition table tennis match between English and Czechoslovak players were turned away tonight because the match was cancelled.

A strike of studio employees made it impossible to illuminate the stages where the matches were to be played. — Reuter.

Outsider Wins The Victoria Derby

Melbourne, October 30. Comic Court by Powers Court out of Witty Maid today won the £5,000 Victoria Derby over one and half miles at Flemington Race Course here, and at odds of 25 to one, he was the longest priced Derby winner for many years.

Comic Court, a South Australian colt, won by two and a half lengths from Foxzami, 12 to one, in two minutes and 35.4 seconds, with Carbon Copy, 7 to four, one of the joint favourites, another one and a half lengths away, in third place after a photo finish, with Clement. All carried eight stone and ten pounds.

Precious grey toppers, purchased by many in readiness for the Royal visit, were damaged by the rain, which made the going very heavy.

Comic Court was first away of the 12 starters but Royal Andrew soon took over the running from Foxzami, Comic Court and Phobos, with the joint favourites Carbon Copy and Vagabond well behind.

That order was maintained until nearing the half distance when the favourites moved up. Entering the straight, Comic Court went ahead of Royal Andrew and Foxzami with Phobos challenging while Carbon Copy and Clement were maintaining long runs.

Comic Court, however, sprinted and raced away to win comfortably from Foxzami, with Carbon Copy snatching third place after the camera had been called in. — Reuter.

NINE OTHER CONVICTIONS

Sentenced on Friday to two years' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Laidner on the charge of entering and stealing, Chan Yiu alias Tea Kiu alias Tse Kwan alias Wong Hing-ki alias Li Kwan was yesterday committed for trial by the same magistrate on the charge of breach of deportation order.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison said that defendant, who had also previous convictions since 1932, including two for breach of expulsion order and four for returning from banishment, was banished for life on May 8 this year.

He was arrested on October 24 by a police constable at Jordan Road, after he had stolen two pieces of clothing from a hut on the roof of 70 Shanghai Street.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

At the request of Detective-Inspector C. Dowman, Li Ping-fuk, 25-year-old cooked food stall fook, was at 10 when yesterday remanded by Mr. J. Wick for three days on the charge of manslaughter.

In making the application, Det. Inspector Dowman said that the first defendant in the case, Li Chong, was still in hospital.

As the death of Lee Cheung at Cheungshawan on October 26 was the result of one of those gang fights, said Det. Inspector Dowman, it was really in the interests of the accused to be remanded in police custody.

SCHOOL TENNIS

The following tennis games of the School Boys' League will be played at the Chinese Recreation Club this afternoon:—

No. 1 Court—Leung Him-shiu v. Lee Cheuk-yun (2 p.m.).
No. 1 Court—Wong Shik-man v. Chung Yuet-to (4.30 p.m.).
No. 2 Court—Maurice Ma v. Lau Chiu-pun (2 p.m.).
No. 2 Court—Henry Lik-ton v. Weng Chun-ful (4.30 p.m.).
No. 3 Court—Khow En-chai v. Ho Hui-po (2 p.m.).
No. 3 Court—Hui Chiu v. Wong Kuan-shung (4.30 p.m.).
No. 4 Court—Lim Hee-lin v. George Lin Jr. (2 p.m.).
No. 4 Court—Fris Lin v. Too Joon-ping (4.30 p.m.).

First Test By Piccard

On board the s.s. Scaldia (from the Belgian news agency correspondent through Reuters) October 29. Professor August Piccard, the Belgian scientist will make a first deep-sea test with his bathyscaphe tomorrow morning, lowering the metal sphere into the ocean off the Cape Verde Islands by remote control. Nobody will be aboard. The Scaldia will weigh anchor tonight and move to Fogo Island, in the Cape Verde group, for tomorrow's dive. — Reuter.

The Chaotung Earthquake

Further details are now to hand of the earthquake which shook the Chaotung area in Northern Yunnan on October 19 and 20. The epicentre seems to have been in the arch of Stone Gateway (Shimenkan), a station of the Methodist Church among the Flowery Miao tribesmen some 25 miles North-East of Chaotung.

Shocks and tremors continued for several days, at one time 34 shocks being recorded in 24 hours. The shocks were severe at Chaotung and in the area between Stone Gateway and Weining, though at Weining itself they were a good deal slighter. The surrounding countryside within a radius of 30 to 50 miles seems to have been affected with considerable damage to houses and property and some loss of life.

The first major shock occurred at 2.00 a.m. on October 19. This was a very severe shock which was followed at 9.00 a.m. by another. During the week that followed many slighter tremors occurred and have continued with decreasing violence up to October 23. Shocks have occurred mainly about 2.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. each day and again in the evening from 7.00-9.00. The weather has been sultry in the extreme, and on the night of the first shock there was a vivid, rosy light visible in the sky both in the East and West. This faded very quickly.

Damage to property at Stone Gateway has been considerable. The Loper Home has been completely destroyed. One loper was killed by falling walls and many others were injured. In Chaotung city there has been some loss of life and much damage to property. Many people have left the city and erected straw huts outside the walls and sleep there. Rumours are rife, including one to the effect that another planet has bumped into the earth.

Fortunately the Methodist Hospital at Chaotung has remained intact and is able to render medical aid to the injured. It is hoped that the disturbance in this little limestone country has now settled itself.

EARLY JAPAN PEACE WANTED

London, October 29. The British Government considers there should be an early peace treaty with Japan, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the Commons today. Progress towards a treaty had not been satisfactory and there had been too long a wait already, he said.

To a criticism that the industrial activity of Japan was being "regimented," Mr. Mayhew said that if Japanese industry was being reactivated, then that was in a sense a measure against the spread of Soviet Communism. But to deny her the right of economic recovery did not seem to be fair, or logical, he said. The Government's view was that there must be a level of industry in Japan which allowed a reasonable standard of life for the people and just reparation for those who suffered from Japanese aggression. — Reuter.

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SOUTH CHINA LUCKY AGAINST THE ARMY

South China "A" yesterday retained their unbeaten record in the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League.

They were somewhat lucky to beat Army by three goals to one at Sookunpoo.

Army have only themselves to blame for their defeat, as they were all over the Chinese in the second half.

Had they taken full advantage of the opportunities, they would have won by a comfortable margin.

The Army were weakest in the forward line, not one of the forwards being able to work the ball advantageously.

Chinese A.A. gained another two points at the expense of Police at Boundary Street, scoring four times without reply.

At Caroline Hill, Kit Choo, strengthened by the return of Kwok Yung-keo, romped home to a 5-1 victory over Kwong Wah.

High scoring featured two of the games in the Second Division. Chinese A.A. breaking a long record by scoring 16 goals against University, who were only able to obtain one goal in reply.

In their match against War Department Chinese, Navy netted 11 times without response.

Army 2—S. China "A" 3

Army went into the attack from the kick-off and almost took the lead when a free drop shot by Craigengower from about 25 yards just dropped on the wrong side of the crossbar.

The Army forwards kept up pressure, but slowness in front of goal enabled the Chinese defenders to clear.

Chu Wing-keung worked his way through and was on his way to goal when Hughes relieved the situation.

At the other end, Brown sent in a powerful drive which just went wide of its mark.

An attack by the Chinese on the Army goal resulted in a penalty against the soldiers. Lai Shiu-wing made no mistake as he placed the ball into the corner of the net to give the Chinese the lead.

Marsden had hard luck with two very fine drives, both of which just grazed the upright.

A neat close passing movement between the Chinese half backs and forwards saw the Chinese increase their lead as Lai Shiu-wing netted from close range.

Goldrick missed a wonderful chance of reducing the Chinese lead when he received the ball close in and with only Yu to beat, shot wide.

Army were not to be denied, however, and following a free kick just outside the Chinese penalty area, Brown scored with a rising shot which Yu vainly strived to save.

The Army continued to hold the upper hand and the Chinese defence was given many anxious moments as the ball was flushed to and fro about their goal-mouth.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION	
Army	2 S. China "A" 3
Police	0 Chinese A.A. 4
Kit Choo	5 Kwong Wah 1
SECOND DIVISION	
St. Joseph's	2 Tramways 1
University	1 Chinese A.A. 16
Solicitors	0 Army HK 2
Navy	11 W.D. Chinese 0
Kit Choo	0 S. China 3
Police	1 Club 1
Army Kin	2 Dockyard 1

Police 0—Chinese A.A. 4

At Boundary Street, Chinese A.A. scored a comfortable victory over Police, winning by four clear goals.

The Chinese started off playing fine football and were not for the splendid goal-keeping of Frank Wing, the Police custodian, might have scored many more goals.

The game opened up with terrific pressure by the C.A.A. forwards, but the Police defence were playing well, with Gordon outstanding. The police made two remarkable saves in quick succession.

The Police then came into the picture and were unfortunate in not scoring Colloco just falling to connect and put into the net.

After this narrow escape, C.A.A. returned to the attack and their centre forward, picking up a loose ball in the centre, went on through to open the scoring in the 18th minute to put C.A.A. ahead.

This goal was definitely offside, as the line-man flagged, but the referee being on the blind side, did not see it.

From then on the game became somewhat one-sided as the Police defence could not cope with the fast moving C.A.A. forwards. The Chinese centre forward was still a menace to the Police defence and had been more cautious and not fallen into the offside trap so often, many more goals would have come.

Interval arrived with the score Police 0 C.A.A. 1.

Kicking off for the second period, the Police forwards went right down to the goal area and a side left was missed by Redman, who was having a bad day.

For about 10 minutes the exchanges were fairly even but afterwards the C.A.A. again scored through Lo Wah-shing who netted with a beautiful cross shot which beat Tsang all the while.

Centre forward Lo was always harassing the Police defence and it came as no surprise when he drew the goalie out and put the ball into an empty net.

Gordon at this period changed places with Colloco to try and put some sting into the Police attack, but many good chances were lost by Redman just failing to connect on three occasions. However, the Police did improve and Gordon nearly scored himself five minutes from the finish.

In the closing stages Lo again scored for C.A.A.

Police: Tsang Wing, Tsang Kaim-sing, Lai Wei, Tsang Sik-chun, Gordon, Ng Wei, Chan On-yin, Yui, Redman, Colloco and Tam Yuen.

Chinese A.A.: Lau Wing-chung, Lo Jing-nam, Ho Shing, Chan Kam-ping, Man Ukung-wing, Leung Ping-sun, Kwok Chuk-shing, Chow Che-fai, Lo Wah-shing, Ho Yan-kee and Leung Ping-kwan.

Kit Choo 5—Kwong Wah 1

Kit Choo swamped Kwong Wah in a dull and spiritless game at Caroline Hill. Within a minute, last season's League winners were a goal down when Kwong Wah were awarded a penalty for hands.

Main interest was centred at the far side of the field, where many spectators were watching the Army-South China game and this led the players to indulge in dull and spiritless type of play as if the game in progress down below were more important.

Kwong Wah were a poor side to say the least and their defending left a lot to be desired. Their forward line seemed to lack the necessary dash and initiative.

The visitors did seem as if they were going to do things when they kicked off and went straight down into the opponents' half, where they were awarded a penalty for hands which was converted by Ng Ping-yin.

Gradually, Kit Choo took a grip on the game, the sting of being a goal in arrears providing the necessary impetus to go all out.

Within ten minutes, they were level when from a centre Kwok Yung-keo got his head to the ball and it passed through a group of defenders who gave Tam Woon-shue no chance to see the ball.

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An anxious moment in front of Army's goalmouth yesterday. The soldiers, lost to South China by the odd goal.—("Sunday Herald" Photo).

RUGGER SEASON OPEN: CLUB AND ARMY WIN

(By "KIMBERLEY")

The Army XV opened the rugger season with an overwhelming victory over RAF/HK Police but it was the Club-Navy game which followed that gave bright prospects of good Rugby for the season.

A fair crowd turned up at the Club ground, Happy Valley, yesterday to see Rugby reinstated in the Colony's sporting fields.

The Army team in flashy red jerseys had all their own way with their first opponents, the RAF/HK Police, winning by 33 points to nil.

They attacked from the starting whistle and finding the opposition fighting back very little, were able to score in seven minutes.

This kept up all through the game in which the Army scored seven tries converting six.

RAF/HK Police were thoroughly disorganised in face of the consistent and neat attacking Army strategy.

The position remained the same for the first 15 minutes with the Army forging here and there looking for an opening.

This came when Henderson, taking the ball from the 25-yard line, broke through and sprinted some 50 yards before passing to the wing who was tackled.

This break through by Club changed completely the strategy of their game which brought victory in the end when de Rome scored a try shortly before the final whistle.

The final minutes were fought out at a fast pace.

Club were more able to keep up the pace than Navy who half way through the second half were beginning to take on a defensive. Club pegged on until the corner flag to give Club a win by 3 points to nil.

The following have been selected to represent The Rest of Colony against the Combined Services in the Poppy Day Charity Match at Sookunpoo on November 6, kick-off 3.45 p.m.

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CRAIGENGOWER PAIR WIN BOWLS FINALS

Billy Hong Sling and A. M. Omar won the Colony Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday.

J. F. da Luz won the Colony Open Singles Championship, defeating K. M. Omar.

Footballers Fight For More Wages

London, October 29.

The struggle for higher wages for footballers goes on, but there is not likely to be a further increase until after the Football League holds its annual meeting next June.

It is reported that at the meeting there will be a demand for an increase from the present £12 in winter and £10 in summer with maximums to £10 and £14 respectively.

This would not only give the players a well-deserved increase but would enable them to get a cut from the fabulous transfer fees now being paid.

Commenting on the report, Mr. Fred Howarth, the League secretary, said that it was news to him.

"The resolution will certainly not come from the managements' committee" he said. "We cannot prevent a club bringing up the matter if they wish."—Reuter.

The Army three-quarter line gave an exceptional display of co-ordination each time the ball came out from the scrum and most of the time with happy results. The RAF/HK Police scrum-half also impressed.

Club Win

The Club-Navy game which followed in the two-match programme was fast from start to finish.

Navy hit out first with an early attack into Club's territory but were unable to score owing to their opponents' defence tactics.

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C.L. Gregory Injured

Unseated by Gilda in a trial gallop at the Race Course yesterday, Mr. C. L. Gregory suffered a dislocated shoulder blade.

The accident occurred when Gilda was approaching the rock.

The pony galloped back to the stables.

Gilda has been entered for the Ping Chau Handicap (first section) for Class 8 Australian Ponies to be run next Saturday.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Results of yesterday's tennis at Ladies Recreation Club—

COLONY SINGLES (MENS)

J. D. Muckle beat J. D. Hawthorne 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

M. D. Muckle (Jardines) beat D. L. Prophet and R. Chung (Pest Marwick & Mitchell) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

J. L. Wright and A. V. Lind (New Zealand Insurance) beat S. J. Sorenson and M. P. Peterson (Great Northern Telegraph) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Dr. Smart and Dr. Gray (Government Medical Dept.) beat A. Todd and G. C. Hamilton (Colonial Secretariat) 6-4, 6-1.

The following game in the Colony Mixed Doubles will be played today:—

R. Segalen and Mrs. Slagter v. K. Getz and Mrs. Stroubach.

REFEREES TO HOLD MEETING

A Special Committee Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the offices of the HKFA, 6 Le House Street, 2nd floor, (by kind permission) on Monday, November 4, at 5.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To read minutes of the last meeting.

2. To discuss Amendments to the Articles of Association.

3. To make final arrangements re-Annual Referees v Press Match.

4. To discuss line-men for 2nd Division Matches.

5. To elect Examiners for the forthcoming Examination of Class III Referees.

6. Any other business.

Home Football Results

London, October 30.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division

Birmingham	0	Derby	1
Burnley	2	Sheffield U	0
Charlton	0	Sunderland	0
Chelsea	0	Arsenal	1
Everton	0	Huddersfield	0
Manchester C	3	Wolves	3
Middlesbrough	1	Blackpool	0
Leeds	0	Liverpool	0
Newcastle	1	Bolton	0
Preston	0	Manchester U	0
Stoke	4	Villa	2

Second Division

Brentford	0	Southampton	0
Bury	0	Queen P. R.	0
Chesham	0	Blackburn	0
Coventry	1	Forest	2
Grimsby	0	Cardiff	0
Leicester	1	Barnsley	0
Luton	1	Plymouth	0
Walsley	1	Fulham	0
Wendesday	5	Bradford	0
Wolves	2	Cardiff	0
West Brom	0	Luton	0

Third Division (South)

Bournemouth	2	Port Va's	0
Bristol R	1	Northampton	1
Palace	1	Swindon	0
Leeds	1	Millwall	1
Newport	4	Norwich	0
Reading	2	Alfreton	0
Sheff W	2	Bristol C	0
Swansea	0	Exeter	0
Torquay	0	Southend	0
Walsley	0	Brighton	0
Wendesday	5	Luton	0

Third Division (North)

Accrington	3	Southport	1
Barrow	0	Carlisle	0
Bradford C	0	Darlington	2
Doncaster	1	Rochdale	0
Hull	2	Hartlepool	0
Hull	4	N. Brighton	1
Leeds	4	Stockport	0
Leeds	4	Chester	2
Leeds	4	Wrexham	0
Leeds	4	Gateshead	4

Scottish League Div. "A"

Clyde	3	Hearts	3
Hibernian	1	Celtic	2
Morton	0	Queen O'S	1
Motherwell	0	Falkirk	3
Partick	1	Third Lanark	3

Scottish League Div. "B"

Abroad	1	Ayr	0
Cowdenbeath	2	Dundee U	3
Dumfries	2	E. Stirling	2
Kilmarnock	1	Dunfermline	2
Stirling Albion	1	Queen's P.	2
St. Johnstone	2	Stirling	1

Scottish League Cup—Quarter Finals

Dundee	1	Alloa
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